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ASSEMBLY REJECTS BENTHALL IMPOST

REFUSES TO VOTE 10 CRORES FOR RAILWAY RESERVES

Raisman's Inflationary Sermon Falls On Deaf Ears

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24.

The Assembly by 51 votes to 46 passed Mr. B. Das's cut motion that the demand under the head "appropriation to reserve" be reduced by ten crores of Rupees, which was the amount estimated from the increase in passenger fares.

The Muslim League, Nationalists, unattached members, and some members of the Independent Party voted for the motion. The result of the voting was greeted with loud cheers.

This was the second adverse vote against the Government. Mr. M. A. Jinnah was present to-day and took part in the voting for the motion.

PROCEEDINGS IN DETAIL

Mr. B. Das (Congress) moved that the demand under the head Appropriation to Reserve be reduced by Rs. 10 crores, which was the amount expected to be got from the increase in fares. Mr. Das commented on the fact that the European Group was the only supporter of Government in this matter and he referred to the circular once issued by Sir Edward Benthall which seemed to express the European community's mind.

That circular said: 'Never explain. Your friends do not need it; your enemies do not believe it'.

Mr. Das said he was proud to be Sir Edward's enemy, but was surprised that Sir Edward should have disregarded his own dictum and should have explained the increase at such length.

Mr. Ranglah Naidu (Congress) speaking as an ex-railway servant said he knew how harshly the increase in fares would operate on the travelling public. He gave a history of the gradual rise in railway fares during the last few years and said there had at the same time been no addition to travel amenities. He expected all Indian members of the House, elected or nominated, to combine to vote down the proposal for the increase.

Sir Cowasji Jehangir asked Mr. Das to explain what was the exact object of the cut.

Mr. Das said he wanted to take away the 25 per cent increase by asking for the omission of the ten crores of rupees which, accepting the Transport Member's estimate, would be secured from the increase.

Sir Ziauddin Ahmed declared that the arguments advanced by the transport member for the enhancement were totally unconvincing. Sir Ziauddin asserted that people travelled only when they were compelled to do; and there was, therefore, no point in the argument that the increase was meant to discourage travel.

Mr. Stokes (European Group) opposing the motion thought it a pity that there should have been so much agitation against the proposal even before the Transport Member had announced it and given his reasons—which were very good reasons—in support of it.

ABSOLUTELY CALLED FOR!

The Finance Member, Sir Jeremy Raisman, explained the Government's point of view with regard to the references made to the relationship which the proposal to increase passenger fares bore to the inflationary situation. Broadly speaking and putting it in non-technical language, he would say inflation was the state of affairs in which the rupees going out of Government's hands exceeded the rupees coming back to them. There could be no question, therefore, as to how the increase in passenger fares would operate. Whatever brought money back to the Government was anti-inflationary.

The Finance Member went on to say that there was no doubt from the Government's point of view that the increase in passenger fares was absolutely called for. There was no doubt whatever that no impartial outside authority which was asked to judge on this would be able to give the answer that it was necessary. The Finance Member gave the warning that if nothing was done to deal with inflation, much greater hardships would be caused: overcrowding, overcharging, all these things were insignificant compared with the untold misery which uncontrolled inflation was capable of inflicting on the country.

Sir Ziauddin:—Will the proposal increase or decrease the purchasing power of the people?

The Finance Member:—It will increase purchasing power undoubtedly.

WRONG ANGLE.

Sir Cowasji Jehangir, supporting the motion, criticised the change made in the Railway Convention of 1924 by which vast sums were handed over to the General Revenues instead of being put in reserves. In 1943/44 the General Revenues benefited to the extent of Rs. 32.27 crores, which was Rs. 5.10 crores more than they would have got if the Convention had not been altered. Railway reserves should have got Rs. 25.60 crores, but actually got only Rs. 11.50. To make up the reserves, the Transport Member was proposing to put ten crores into them not by taking from the General Revenues put by extra taxation. The truth was that the Transport Member was not strong enough to fight the Finance Member who was holding on to the General Revenues, but the Transport Member might be strong enough to fight the travelling public.

NON-RAILWAY PROPOSITION

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta declared that if anyone had any doubt about the unwisdom and impropriety of raising passenger fares, it would have been removed by the Finance Member's speech. The Finance Member did not argue it at all on the basis of the cost of running railways. He quite frankly admitted that the increase in fares was required not because the transport service wanted it, but because he needed it. It was thus a non-railway proposition, foisted on the railways owing to exigencies of general finance.

INIQUITOUS IMPOST

Mr. Abdul Qaiyum (Congress) declared that the debate had shown how utterly out of date the expanded Executive Council was; if that Council could claim to represent any constituency it was the constituency of the European bloc.

He did not know how many Indian, even an Indian in the expanded Executive Council, could be a party to the iniquitous impost. (A Voice: Were they consulted?) If they were not consulted that made matters all the worse. Mr. Qaiyum called on Government, if it had any respect for the wishes of the House and the wishes which were strongly expressed outside, to retrace its steps and give up the increase.

BENTHALL'S EXPLANATION

Sir Edward Benthall replying to the debate remarked it had taken the form of another general discussion on the budget. So far as Government was concerned, it had endeavoured to base its case on reason (Voices: No. Not on reason). Government has given reasons for increasing fares and he confessed that Government had received little constructive criticism from the Opposition. The first and last speakers produced very few reasons, and when they started disparaging their opponents, it clearly showed the weakness of their case.

He asked the House to vote on merits and support the measure. (Voices: No.) which was intended to achieve social benefit and provide a nation building fund for the future.

Nawabzada Liaquat Ali: Will the Hon. Member Agree not to increase fares if the cut motion is withdrawn?

Sir Edward Benthall: No Sir.

The motion was pressed to a division and carried by 51 votes to 46 amid loud opposition cheers.

Mr. K. C. Neogy wanted to move the Nationalist Party cut motion to discuss "the enhancement of Railway fares." He explained that the motion was intended to obtain a straight vote on the increase.

The President held that as the matter had already been discussed the motion was out of order.

ASSAULT ON BOARD

Pandit L. K. Maitra moved the next cut motion to reduce the demand under the head Railway Board to One Rupee to mark "refusal of supplies."

Pandit Maitra said the motion was designed to bring to Government's notice strong disapproval of the Railway Board's policy. He referred to the mounting expenses of the Board, side by side with drastic curtailment of travel facilities. He criticised the extension of service of old officials, the shortage of coal failure to get on with the manufacture of locomotives and shortage of wagons.

Mr. Nauman, Mr. Lalchand Navalrai, Mr. Azar Ali, Mr. K. S. Gupta, and Mr. Ananga Mohan Dam vigorously supported the motion and dwelt on a series of grievances against the Board.

Sir Edward Benthall replying claimed that in spite of the abuse levelled against them, the Railway Board and the administration had succeeded to a remarkable extent in carrying an increased number of passengers and more foodstuffs and providing for the necessities of the war. He did not believe that the record was a bad one. Sir Edward was heard to say that out of about 200 locomotives sent abroad, 84 were coming back to this country.

The motion was rejected without a division and the House adjourned till to-morrow.—A.P.

VICEROY TO CERTIFY?

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24

The result of the division in the Assembly on the 'cut' motion was wildly cheered, Jamnadas Mehta thumping the table standing. Lobby anticipations however are that the Government would restore the cut by certification and would not yield on this issue. In other words, railway fares will be enhanced as proposed by the Government.

POONA BAN ON KASTURBA CONDOLENCE MEETING

(From Our Correspondent.)

POONA CITY, Feb. 24.

Permission has been refused by the District Magistrate to hold a condolence meeting of the citizens to mourn Kasturba's death. In view of the ban on public meetings, Mr. N. C. Kelkar sent a letter to the District Magistrate asking permission to hold a condolence meeting on behalf of the Sarvajanik Sabha and other local organisations, but the District Magistrate turned down the proposal.

Sradha Rites For Kasturba

POONA, Feb. 23.

It is understood that Mr. Devadas Gandhi and Mr. Ramdas Gandhi who were allowed to stay with Mahatma Gandhi for three days will collect the ashes of the late Kasturba Gandhi on Friday. It is likely that the religious 'Sradha' rites which is to be performed from the tenth day will be held at Allahabad or at some other holy place on the Ganges according to the wishes of Mahatma Gandhi.

The Maharashtra Hindu Sabha has sent a wire expressing its deep condolences to Gandhiji and stating that Mrs. Kasturba died practising 'tapasya'.—United Press.

MRS. NAIDU'S MESSAGE TO DEVDAS

POONA, Feb. 24.

Mr Devadas Gandhi has received the following message from Mrs. Sarojini Naidu: "Peace to the spirit of the frail and valiant woman who was the living symbol of Indian womanhood. Never once did her feet falter or her heart quail on the steep path of perpetual sacrifice which was her portion in the wake of the great man whom she loved and served and followed with such surpassing courage, faith and devotion. Let us rejoice that she has passed from mortality to immortality and taken her rightful place in the valiant assembly of the beloved heroines of India's legend, history and song.—A.P.

HARTAL IN CITY

The following city associations, institutions, private firms, have passed resolutions expressing their sorrow at the demise of Kasturba and offering condolences to Mahatma Gandhi and family:

Bombay Motor Merchants' Association, Ltd.; Marwadi Kranti Dal; Indian Exporters' Association; Hoshami Old Iron Merchants' Assn.; Bombay Cotton Merchants' Association; Silk and Art Silk Mills Association; Seeds Traders' Association; Chamber of Income-tax Consultants; Karnatak Free Night High School; Mudy Bazar Kariana Merchants' Association; Bombay Yarn and Silk Merchants' Association, South Indian Association, Electric Merchants' Association; A-L Women's Conference Khar-Santacruz Branch; Bombay Municipal Congress Party; Vidyarthi Sangha (Surat); Communist Party (Delhi and Madras); Mr. K. Srinivasan of the "Free Press Journal"; Hindustani Native Merchants' Association; Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Bombay.

OFFICES CLOSED

The following city offices were closed in memory of Kasturba: Textile Stores & Machinery Merchants' Association; Hoshami O. I. Merchants' Assn.; Silk and Art Silk Mills Association; Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce.

Memorial Services For Kasturba

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 23 (delayed). Memorial services for Mrs. Gandhi were held in Durban, Maritzburg and Johannesburg on Wednesday, when most Indian business premises were closed during the afternoon. Resolutions of sympathy to Mahatma Gandhi and family were passed. At the Johannesburg meeting, which was presided over by Mr. I. Cachalia of the Nationalist Group of the Transvaal Indian Congress, a memorial fund was inaugurated and 5,000 sterling contributed. The memorial, the form of which will be decided by a committee will be erected in Gandhi's Phoenix Settlement which he gave to the Indian community and may take the form of a Girls' College or similar institution.

The meeting passed a resolution saying that her death "in the prison of British bureaucracy" was significant of the sacrifices of several Indian martyrs in the struggle for emancipation from British imperialism.—Reuter.

Death In Detention Brings Freedom Nearer

LONDON, Feb. 24: The following resolution was cabled yesterday to Gandhi care of the Bombay Government: "The Committee of Indian Congressmen deeply mourns the loss of India's noblest lady. Her life of silent dedication will for ever inspire generations of men and women. Her death in detention will bring India's liberation nearer."—Reuter.

"No Credit To The British"

HOLLYWOOD (California), Feb. 24. In a tribute to Mrs. Gandhi, Paramhansa Yogananda, a noted Indian international religious leader said: "The fact that she died in prison is no credit to the British, although they may have had reason for incarceration of her husband."—Reuter.

Liberals' Message Of Condolence

BOMBAY, Feb. 24.

Sir Maharaj Singh, President of the National Liberal Federation of India has sent the following message of condolence to Mahatma Gandhi: "The President and members of the Council of the National Liberal Federation of India deeply regret the demise of Mrs. Gandhi and send their sincere sympathy to Mahatma Gandhi and his children in their sorrow."—A. P.

SUBURBAN TOWNS IN MOURNING

(From Our Correspondent)

VILE PARLE, Thursday.

Complete hartal was observed in Vile Parle, Andheri, Santa Cruz and Khar on Wednesday. Prayers were offered late in the evening at Laxminagar Hall, Khar.

"Kasturba Has Fulfilled Her Life's Mission"

Under the joint auspices of the North Bombay Students' Union and R. A. Podar College, a meeting of Students was held in the Podar College on Thursday evening. Mr. Vaikunth Mehta, the President, moved the condolence resolution and Principal, Wellingkar supporting it said: "Kasturba was a great woman serving the greatest man in the world to-day."

Miss Margaret Pope said: "Kasturba, it seems to me, has fulfilled her mission in life by dying in detention."

Mrs. Krishna Huthising gave a personal and touching narration of all the heart-rending scenes at the Aga Khan palace.

"The greatest tribute that Kasturba received", said Mrs. Huthising, "was from Mahatma Gandhi, when he said that if ever he was asked to choose his life partner again he would choose Kasturba for many a life to come."

Mr. R. S. Kolhatkar, of Poddar College and Raja Kulkarni, Secretary of the N.B.S.U., also spoke.

MIRAJ MARKETS CLOSE

MIRAJ, Feb. 24.—On receipt of the report of the death of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi, a condolence meeting was held here and the Vidya Mandir High School, the Miraj Vidyarthi Sangh and the Shankar Tatwadhyan Mandir Libraries were closed as a mark of respect to the memory of Mrs. Kasturba. The local markets were also closed.—United Press.

SANGLI, Feb. 24.—On hearing the news of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi's death the Sangli market observed hartal yesterday, almost all shops remaining closed. A condolence resolution was adopted at a meeting in Willingdon College. The Sangli Chamber of Commerce also passed a condolence resolution.—A.P.

AT RAJKOT

RAJKOT, Feb. 24—Rajkot observed hartal on hearing the news of the death of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi. All important commercial elements suspended business. A public meeting as well as mass prayer for peace to the departed soul are being held.—A.P.

HARTAL AT BROACH AND AMOD

SURAT, Feb. 24.—A Broach message received here says Broach city and Amod observed a hartal yesterday as a mark of respect to Kasturba Gandhi. All shops remained closed. Educational institutions and factories and mills were also closed.—A.P.

HARTAL ON SECOND DAY

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 24.—Most of the mills and markets are closed to-day for the second day as a mark of respect to the memory of late Mrs. Gandhi.—A.P.

NASIK MARKET CLOSED

NASIK, Feb. 23—On receipt of the news of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi's death the city was plunged in gloom. Markets in the city and Panchavati remained closed. All the educational institutions were also closed as a mark of respect.—United Press.

A. C. DUTTA

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24:

Mr. A. C. Dutta, Vice-President of Central Assembly, in a statement on the death of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi says: "The noblest woman has passed away in detention. She is unparalleled in history for her devotion to the country and to her husband. India will worship her memory for all time to come".—United Press.

PROGRESSIVE PARTY'S CONDOLENCE

NEW DELHI, Feb 24.—The Progressive Party in the Council of State, of which Pt. H. N. Kunzru is the leader, has sent the following telegram to Mahatma Gandhi through the Home Department of the Government of Bombay:

"The Progressive Party in the Council of State has learnt with great sorrow of the death of Mrs Gandhi and offer its deepest sympathy to Mahatma Gandhi in his bereavement. She typified in herself the highest ideals of Indian womanhood and by her devoted services to the country endeared herself to her countrymen."—A.P.

HINDI PRACHAR CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24.—The Hindi Prachar Conference which was in session was adjourned on receipt of the news of the death, while in detention, of Mrs. Kasturba, as a mark of respect to the deceased.—United Press.

Bengal Assembly Adjourns In Memory Of Kasturba

CALCUTTA, Feb. 24.

"She represented the best and noblest in Indian womanhood—quiet and unassuming and yet resolute and devoted to her duty," observed the Deputy Speaker of the Bengal Assembly Mr. Syed Jalaluddin Hashemy making a reference to the death of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi in the house this afternoon.

The Assembly decided to send a message of condolence to Mahatma Gandhi, and adjourned for half-an-hour as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

BRELVI PRESIDES OVER CONDOLENCE MEETING

CALCUTTA, Feb. 24.

Mr. S. A. Brelvi, Editor of the "Bombay Chronicle" and President, All-India Newspapers Editors' Conference, presided over a condolence meeting held this morning at the Marwari Chhatra Niwas to express condolence at the death of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi.

To mourn the death of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi a largely attended public meeting was held to-day at the Jain Mandir under the presidency of Mr. Sitaram Seksaria.—United Press.

JUBBULPORE MARKETS CLOSE

JUBBULPORE, Feb. 23.—Jubbulpore businessmen observed spontaneous hartal to-day to mourn Kasturba's loss. Excepting Muslim shops all markets were closed.

GODAVARIS MISRA'S CONDOLENCE

CUTTACK, Feb. 24.—"The demise of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi is a great national loss to India," said Pt. Godavaris Misra, Minister of Orissa.—A.P.

AKYAB AND PROME BOMBED

R. A. F. Operations In Southern Burma

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24

During 23rd February mopping up operations conducted largely by troops of the 5th Indian Division continued successfully in the neighbourhood of the Ngakyedauk pass, says to-day's Allied 'communique' near the eastern exit of the pass. The Japanese attacked one of our positions but were repulsed after suffering some casualties.

Further to the north in the Mayu Range, operations to complete the destruction of the remnants of the enemy raiding party continued and further casualties were inflicted on this enemy detachment yesterday.

In the Kaladan valley, our leading troops have made further advances and are now in possession of an important hill feature near Kyauktaw.

R.A.F. medium and heavy bombers of the strategic air force, eastern air command, on the night of 23rd/24th February bombed Akyab, Magwe, Prome and other targets in south Burma. Large fires were started in the Prome raid, and explosions were seen 50 miles away.

U. S. medium bombers of the strategic air force, in a sweep south from Ye-U in northern Burma on 22nd February, destroyed a canal bridge, knocked out a span of the Budalin bridge, set an oil dump afire, and destroyed three locomotives, numbers of rolling stock and a light Japanese tank.

From all these operations three Allied aircraft are missing.—A. P.

NAZIS ABANDON DNO AND ROGACHEV

BERLIN, Feb. 24.

The Germans have abandoned Rogachev, the German News Agency military commentator, Colonel Ernst van Hammer, said to-night. He said that the Germans have also evacuated Dno.

Rogachev, fourteen miles north of Zhlobin, is on the main road to Bobruisk and Minsk, and Dno, sixty miles east of Pskov on the railroad from Novgorod was with Strugi-Krasnye, two of the strongest German points guarding the approaches to Pskov.

MOSCOW: An Order of the Day to-night confirmed that the Russians have captured Dno.—Reuter.

GAG ON MRS. NAIDU TO CONTINUE

WESTMINSTER, Feb. 24.

Mr. Butler, President of the Board of Education, speaking on behalf of Mr. Amery, declined to lift the restriction on Mrs. Naidu addressing meetings.

Mr. Sorensen (Labour) had asked: "If he is aware that the restrictions imposed on Mrs. Naidu respecting freedom of speech have been widely condemned in India, including the Muslim League; that the speech she had made before the restrictions were imposed was politically helpful; and whether the existing restrictions can be withdrawn."

CAN'T WITHDRAW GAG

Mr. Butler replied: "Mrs. Naidu, a member of the Working Committee of the Congress Party, was released from detention last March because of ill-health. I am unable to accept the interpretation which Mr. Sorensen places on two statements to the press which she made in January. Since the Government could not permit her liberty of speech denied to other members of the Working Committee, she was served with an order prohibiting her from addressing meetings or making communications to the press. The answer to the last part of the question is in the negative."

Mr. Sorensen: Is the Minister not aware that the speech was accorded very favourable notice in quite non-Congress quarters; could this not be reconsidered?"

Mr. Butler replied: "I must adhere to the terms of my answer."

Lords Pass Attachment Of States Bill

WESTMINSTER, Feb. 23.

The House of Lords to-day passed the India (Attachment of States) Bill without discussion.—Reuter.

VICEROY LEAVES FOR VIZAG

MADRAS, Feb. 24.

Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Wavell accompanied by their personal staff left Madras this morning for Vizagapatam by air.

The Viceroy who left Madras on 22nd morning returned here by air last evening after visiting Coimbatore and Madura.

Soon after his return from Madura last evening the Viceroy accorded an interview to Mr. M. S. Aney.—A.P.

NAZI REPRISAL RAIDS ON BRITISH CAPITAL

London District Has Worst Incendiary Attack Since April 1941: Workingclass Flat Bombed: Rescue Squad Busy Digging Debris

GOTHA AIRCRAFT FACTORY BOMBED

LONDON, Feb. 24.

The first daylight alert in London this morning for seven months was of short duration. Londoners on their way to work watched two planes flying over at a great height. They were evidently following the technique of the R. A. F. in taking photographs after a night's raid.

Priceless antiques and art treasures from all corners of the world were destroyed in one district of London in last night's raid.

ANOTHER FIRE RAID

The air raid last night appeared to be on a smaller scale than the earlier ones, although it was widespread over southern and south-east England, Home Counties and London. The raid appears to have been another fire raid, but as such curiously ineffective, although one outer London district had its worst incendiary attack since April 1941. Incendiaries were scattered in all parts of the area and a number of buildings were set on fire. Fire watchers and others in one London district saw the parachute of an airman from a shot down bomber picked out by searchlights as he descended.

WORST INCIDENT.

One of the worst incident in last night's raid on London was when a large block of working class flats was hit burying many people in wreckage.

Early this morning heavy rescue squads had dug out many, majority alive, from beneath the burning rubble. Some were taken to hospital, others to near first aid centres. Ambulances kept running to and fro. Detectors were used to locate trapped victims. An A.R.P. Warden said: "We have no real idea how many are still buried. Some of the people might have been away from home".

OVER WESTERN GERMANY

The Air Ministry announces that Bomber Command Mosquitoes attacked objectives in western Germany last night without loss.—Reuter.

ATTACK ON NORTHERN FRANCE

LONDON, Feb. 24.

It is officially announced that R. A. F. Dominion and Allied Boston, Michell and Mosquito bombers of the Second Tactical Air Force with fighter escort attacked military objectives in northern France this morning.

It is officially announced R.A.F. Typhoon bombers attacked military objectives in northern France this morning and Marauder medium bombers of the United States Ninth Air Force attacked airfields in Holland.

It is officially announced that United States bombers raiding Germany in daylight to-day bombed aircraft factory at Gotha and the ballbearing works at Schweinfurt.

GOTHA FACTORIES BOMBED

The United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe announce: "Strong forces of heavy bombers of the Eighth Army Air Force attacked aircraft factories at Gotha, ballbearing factory at Schweinfurt and other targets in Germany to-day. Army Air Force, R.A.F. Dominion and Allied fighters supported the attacking force. The bombing marked the fourth day of a record breaking air offensive against the German fighter aircraft industry and related plants."

SEVERE OPPOSITION

Reuter's air correspondent in London cables:—Schweinfurt, the main target of American heavy bombers to-day, manufactured about fifty per cent of the whole German output of ball bearings. It is an important inland port, about 65 miles east of Frankfurt, and has been attacked twice before by American heavies.

In the first raid last August three most important works of the town were wrecked and after the second raid in October it was estimated 25 per cent of Germany's ball and roller bearing industry had been destroyed. In both raids the heavies encountered stiff fighter opposition.

In August when some of the bombers taking part were on a "shuttle service" from North Africa the Americans lost 36 heavy bombers and destroyed 33 German fighters. In October's raid they lost 60 against 104 fighters by the Germans.

There are indications of severe opposition to to-day's raids. The London 'communique' says that the heavy bombers were a "strong force" and the German News Agency reported: "German fighters and interceptors engaged strong American bomber formations and their fighter escort."—Reuter.

Sweden To Protest To Soviet

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 24:—Investigation has established that bombs dropped by aircraft on Stockholm were of Russian origin. The Swedish Foreign Office announces that protest will be made to Moscow to-day (Thursday).

Black-out In Finland

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 24:—General Mannerheim has ordered total black-out of the whole of Finland, says the Helsinki correspondent of the "Dagens Nyheter."—Reuter.

Objectiv Of U. S. Air Forces

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.

The United States Under-Secretary for War, Mr. Robert Patterson, declared here today: "The Eighth Air Force has accumulated enough first line bombers and reserves so that it can sustain offensives against selected targets until success is achieved.

It has been discovered that German industry has substantial recuperative powers

The objective of our air forces is to pile up cumulative damages on German productions."—Reuter.

SHARP ENCOUNTERS ON ANZIO FRONT

Heavy Bombers Attack Air-Craft Assembly Plant At Steyr

LONDON, Feb. 24.

Mediterranean Allied Force Advanced Headquarters have issued the following communique' to-day:

"On the Fifth Army Anzio front there were sharp encounters at several points. The main Fifth Army front was quiet. Patrols were active. Eighth Army patrols engaged the enemy and inflicted casualties.

The aircraft assembly plant at Steyr was attacked yesterday by a strong force of heavy bombers escorted by fighters. The weather curtailed other air operations, but fighter bombers and fighters patrolled over the beachhead.

Light aircraft attacked shipping off the Dalmatian coast and at Castiglionello. During the night of February 22nd/23rd light bombers attacked communications in the beachhead area. Thirty-six enemy aircraft were shot down yesterday. We lost seven.

The Mediterranean Allied Air Force flew approximately 850 sorties over the beachhead. Enemy activity amounted to six sorties."

Steyr is the centre for the aircraft industry in Austria. It is 95 miles west of Vienna. Since the destruction of Schweinfurt in August the two factories at Steyr producing aircraft parts have become two of most important aircraft plants in Hitler's Europe. The raid was first reported from Allied Headquarters in North Africa last night.

Lull In Beachhead

Reuter's special correspondent at Allied Headquarters, North Africa, cables: The continued lull in the beachhead indicates that the German disorganisation after Saturday's defeat is possibly greater than was at first believed. There was no activity of major importance for the fourth successive day and the fair weather that has reigned recently turned to rain at noon yesterday.

A few small German attacks in the Carroceto area were repulsed and an attempt to infiltrate south-west of Carroceto was checked. The forces engaged in these actions were small and no ground was gained or lost. A German attack forming up before the American positions near Cisterna was smashed by artillery.

Allied batteries north-west of Cassino pounded German positions in the back areas causing explosions in three places, but there were no fresh developments in the town of Cassino itself.

Nazi Link With Italy Cut

Partisans have cut one of the principal links between Germany and Northern Italy. Traffic on the main Trieste—Ljubljana Railway line was interrupted for two days after Partisans had derailed a train on this line near the station of Rakek, says to-day's 'communique' from General Tito's H.Q.

A German column in the vicinity of the station was attacked and forced to retreat. Units of the first Partisan brigade attacked and repelled a German column of some 600 men at Novo Mesto between the Caroatian Capital of Zagreb and the Italian frontier.

Between Kamnik and Sostanj, north of Ljubljana near the Austrian frontier, a German garrison was wiped out. The 'communique' added that local fighting is going on on all sectors of the front in Yugoslavia.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT'S VETO REJECTED

House Of Representatives Vote Down New Tax Bill Again

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.

The House of Representatives overrode the tax veto.

The House vote overriding President Roosevelt's veto on the new Tax Bill was 299 to 95. The House immediately sent the Bill to the Senate where action upon it is expected tomorrow.—Reuter.

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LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (May.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.

Previous Closing	20.38
Today's Opening	20.29
Difference	+01
Today's Closing	20.45
Difference	+07

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices

General Motors dol 55.

Anaconda Copper Mining dol 25-5/8.

United States Steel Common dol. 52-1/2.

U S Steel preference dol. 121-7/8.—Reuter.

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"PRACTICALLY EVERYBODY IS STARVING"

Appalling Conditions In Contai Subdivision

Dr. Bhagwandas Gurbaxani of Karachi writes from Calcutta under date February 16th :—

Under the auspices of the All-Bengal Flood and Famine Relief Committee, I went for a fortnight to Contai Sub-Division of Bengal for medical aid. During my stay, I visited some villages in the coastal area and some on the northern side. I found the conditions quite the reverse of my expectation. I with my friend Madan Mohan came from Karachi to treat the sick, but I found it practically impossible to do that due to starvation. Wherever I went I was surrounded by weeping crowds of ladies and children crying for food. I visited many villages and went from house to house and saw with my own eyes the condition of the food being prepared and being eaten by young and old which was simply appalling. Many ladies had no clothes even and I was shocked beyond words to see their condition.

I found that the dole as given by the Government was inadequate and based on wrong principles. Without providing any work, an adult has been asked to support himself and two others. By the application of this principle, I found practically everybody starving in some families, say of 20 members. I found only five getting the dole and that too was not being given according to schedule. Instead of 7 seers per head only 5 seers were being given. At Panipard the A. R. O. was asked and he replied that these were the orders of the Government For that reason most of the people are living on grass, called chikini grass. Mothers have no milk and I found the babies new born and two months old being given wheat flour mixed with water.

REFUSED ADMISSION TO DESTITUTE CAMP

Destitute Homes are not running properly. On Saturday last, as I was returning from Khagda to Satmile, I found one lady aged 65 lying on the ground about two furlongs off Satmile. She was semi-conscious and had fever and dropsy. On enquiring she said that all in her house were dead and she had, therefore gone to the Destitute Camp at Satmile, but was refused admission; hence she was going back to her own village Shambhariwar, which is about six miles from Satmile. That poor lady had not taken her food for two days.

These are a few of the many pitiable instances I witnessed and I do not know why under the circumstances the Bengal Government is asking for the help of medical men from other Provinces. We come two thousand miles from Karachi to treat whom? I cannot reply; let the Bengal Government reply to that.

ART OF SHANTINIKETAN

Interesting Exhibition At The Museum

One of the main functions in connection with the Tagore week is an interesting exhibition of art and handicrafts which is held at the Prince of Wales Museum and which is attracting a large number of visitors. The exhibition had offered an opportunity to Bombay to witness paintings by the masters and students of Shantiniketan and handicrafts produced at Shriniketan. Poet Tagore's paintings which are in a good number cannot be judged from the point of view of any style or technique. One finds among them some good floral designs and impressions of men and women and of animals—standing or in motion. The origin of Tagore's arts can be traced from his letters and manuscripts which are on view in one of the cabinets.

A few exhibits of Mr. Abanindra Nath Tagore's work give a faint idea of his art, but the master should not be misjudged in the light of such scanty material. As a matter of fact, his achievements and contribution to Indian art are too well-known to need judgment of the critics and connoisseurs in exhibitions. Mr. Gaganendra Nath Tagore is represented by three examples like "Sarangi Player" and "Evening Glow". The traditions of the Tagores as a family of artists are continued by Mr. Rathindra Nath Tagore in his set of flower-studies and landscapes.

The material which stands to the credit of Mr. Nandalal Bose is fairly large and varied and reintroduces him as a leading and versatile artist of India. "Sati", "Sujata" and "Ardhanarinareshvar" are among the representative example of his art. His "Natir Puja"—a mural panel—is in the popular revivalistic style of Bengal. Mr. Bose's unorthodox and progressive outlook is reflected in some of his other exhibits.

Mr. Ram Kinker Baij has, as it appears for his paintings, the boldness and eagerness to undertake experiments in new directions. "Midnight Arrest" in the group of paintings by Mr. V. S. Masoji attracts the attention of the observer as it records an important event. Students' work shows, on careful observation, a few fine examples. The exhibition leaves an impression that probably it was not possible for the organisers to bring better and more representative workers to Bombay.

The craft-section presents some beautiful specimens of pottery, leather-work, textiles, and batik produced at Shriniketan. Other exhibits include letters and manuscripts of Tagore in his own handwriting—Bengali and English—and two letters of Mahatma Gandhi addressed to him.

D. G. V.

TAGORE'S "CHITRA" IN ENGLISH

"Valmiki Pratibha" and "Tagher Desh" were followed by the successful production, on Monday of Tagore's "Chitra" in English which is a dramatic version of a romantic mythological episode. The cast consisted of four able artistes. Mr. Hima Keshar-kudi, who appeared as the heroine-Chitra, played her role with freedom, gentleness and grace. Mr. Prabhakar Kesharkudi as Arjun displayed in his speech and actions the firmness and stability of the hero.

A commendable innovation was observed in the style of presentation of a dance-drama. The lines intended for the two characters—Madan and Vasant—were delivered in the background but they were interpreted by the artistes in the same roles in the idioms of the symbolic gesture-language; and the artistes who appeared as Madan and Vasant and demonstrated the scope of Abhinaya in its application to drama were Sevanti and Kamala respectively of the Nrityalayam of Madame Menaka.

Another noteworthy feature of "Chitra" as a dance-drama was the definite standards of dance. The Nrityalayam artistes under the direction of Madame Menaka provided dances which were in classical techniques and they, thus, emphasised the fact that dances as an integral part of a drama should be classical in technique and not merely in the form of haphazard movements. Nrityalayam's dancers and musicians contributed in no small degree to the success of the production of "Chitra."

D. G. V.

Question: In "Elders"

PLIGHT OF INDIAN WAR PRISONERS

Japan's Answer Cynical And Evasive, Says Defence Member

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24.

Colliery owners have been instructed not to allow women to work underground unless they are medically fit. Steps are being taken to see that women are not employed in steep slopes' said Mr. H. C. Prior, replying to a number of questions put by Mr. G. S. Motilal on the employment of women in coal mines.

"CHRONICLE" REPORT ON CONGRESS TERMS

"Mr. E. Conran-Smith Home Secretary, told Mr. Motilal that Government had not ascertained the source of or authority for the report in the "Bombay Chronicle" purporting to contain the terms on which Mahatma Gandhi was prepared to recommend the withdrawal of the August Resolution to the members of the Congress Working Committee.

Replying to another question whether Government had come to any decision regarding the trial of Mr. Gandhi and other Congress Leaders before an impartial tribunal, the Home Secretary said he had nothing to add to his replies during the last session.

INDIAN WAR PRISONERS IN JAPAN

The Defence Member, Sir Feroze Khan Noon informed the House that enquiries regarding the treatment by the Japanese of prisoners of war from the British Commonwealth had been repeatedly made—and would continue to be made—through regard to those believed to be subject to the worst conditions, the British Government had made the strongest possible representations to the Japanese Government through the Swiss Government. Such replies as had been received were evasive, cynical and unsatisfactory.

The number of Indian prisoners of war subjected to these conditions was approximately 12,000 but the Japanese authorities had not sent any list of names or numbers in spite of frequent requests.

Replying to supplementaries, the Defence Member said the figure mentioned above related to those whom the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden recently described as being subjected to the worst conditions, but this was not the total number of Indian prisoners in Japanese hands. The Japanese had refused to give us information, probably because they did not want to be confronted with these figures after the war.

BENGAL FAMINE VICTIMS

Mr. B. R. Sen stated that Government had no information about the total number of deaths in Calcutta and other districts of Bengal due to food crisis. The Bengal Government were collecting vital statics now. The Secretary of State for India had mentioned the figure of one million but this was speculative. The information was supplied by the Government of India on the basis of figures supplied by the Bengal Government who had at the time stated that these figures were speculative.—A. P.

Seth Pranlal Entertained In Poona

Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee, Chairman, Dena Bank, Bombay and the President, Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay, who arrived in Poona on Sunday, the 20th instant to attend the opening ceremony of the Bank's Camp Office, was given a cordial welcome by prominent citizens of Poona. A number of functions in his honour were arranged by different Institutions.

He was invited to tea by the Maratha Chamber of Commerce and Industry, when prominent merchants were present. In the evening, a function was arranged by the Poona Gujarati Kelvani Mandal in the city. Seth Pranlal was also invited by Principal D. G. Karve to visit the Deccan Education Society's Commerce College.

Another function at Prathamic Kelavani Hitwardhak Mandal in Camp was arranged in his honour, on Monday. In the evening, Mr. Jayantilal Kapadia, the well-known Cloth Merchant of Poona gave an 'At Home' at the New Club, Poona. Many merchants, officials and others were at the gathering.

Seth Narottamdas Premchand, Chairman of Shree Gujarati Shikshan Pracharak Mandal, invited Seth Pranlal to meet merchants of Bhavani Peth. He was also invited by Rao Bahadur Chimanlal Kisandas at his residence to meet merchants of Raviwar Peth. He was also invited by Rao Bahadur Seth Hanmantram Ramnath entertained him to tea at Raviwar Peth to meet important merchants. He also paid a visit to the Tarachand Ramnath Ayurvedic Hospital and the Laxminarayan Temple. Seth Ratanchand Hirachand, M.A., Chairman of the Indian Hume Pipe Co., Ltd., gave a party at his bungalow in honour of Mr. Pranlal when many well-known citizens of Poona were present.

Seth Pranlal was also requested by the Rotary Club to attend their meeting on Tuesday evening, where he made a very interesting speech on 'Banking.'

End Of Coal Famine

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24.

Coal raisings have now passed the pre-war level and with the necessary transport, coal famine is likely to be over soon. Coal labour is normal now and some collieries, particularly those under European management, it is more than needed. As a matter of fact the threat to take over coal-mines if the minimum specified coal is not raised still remains.

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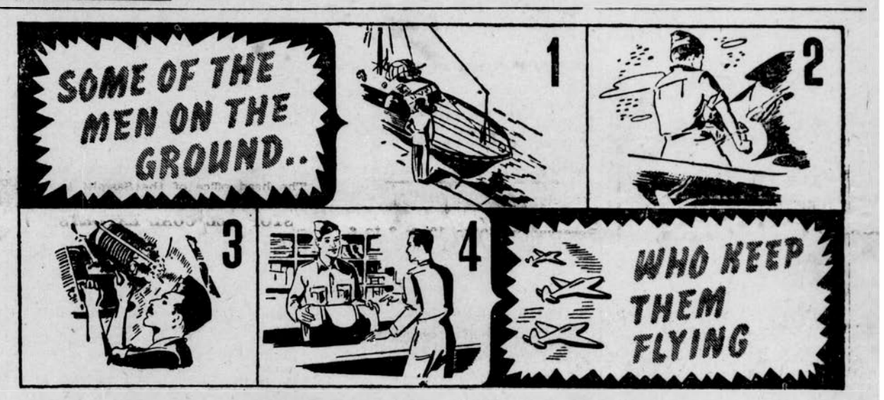

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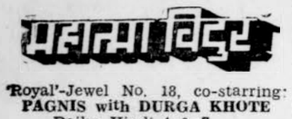

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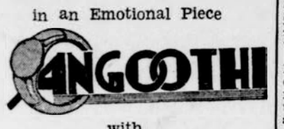

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To-day's Engagements

IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING 2-30 p.m. (B. T.)

BOMBAY KERALEYA SAMAJ:—Meeting at Samaj premises to-day (Friday) at 7 pm (ST) to condole the death of Srimati Kasturba Gandhi

BOMBAY STUDENTS MEETING will be held in the Blavatsky Lodge to-day (Friday) at 6 p.m. to present an address to Prof. P. A. Wadia.

RASHTRABHASHA "KOVID" CLASSES commenced regular working from Wednesday February 23 at Dadar Vidyamandir, Gokhale Road, (North) Dadar.

MERRIE TOWN FETE: In aid of Red Cross Week, the Fete will be opened by Lady Colville to-day (Friday) at 4-30 p.m. at the Cooperage (near Band Stand).

MALABAR MUSLIM JAMAT: The annual general meeting of the Malabar Muslim Jamat, Bombay, will be held to-day (Friday) 25th instant, at 4 p.m. in Kesar Baug, Dongri.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS. Study Class on "General Principles and the Earth Chain" from the Ocean of Theosophy by W. Q. Judge, Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain, to-day (Friday) 6-15 p.m.

FIFTH GUMASTA CONFERENCE: A meeting of the Financial Committee of 5th Gumasta Conference will be held at the office of "Vande-Mataram" Karyalaya to-day (Friday) at 4 p.m. (N. S. T.), under the presidentship of Sjt. Samaldas Gandhi.

PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION: The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at the Hall of the Indian Merchants' Chamber Lalji Naranji Memorial Building, near Churchgate Station, at 6 p.m. (S. T.), to-day (Friday).

UNNATI SANGH: A special meeting of members of Unnati Sangh will be held to-day (Friday) at 6-30 p.m. in Horbus Sabha Mandir, Congress House Lane to express their sorrow for the sad death of Kasturba.

DNYAN-PRASARAK MANDALI: Dr. M. H. Meghrji will deliver a public Lecture in Gujarati on "The Treatment of Diseases by Diet" at the K. R. Cama Oriental Institution Library Hall (Apollo Street) to-day (Friday) at 6-15 p.m. (S. T.) when Sir Sitaram S. Patkar will preside.

ELECTRIC MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION: The eighth annual general meeting of the Electric Merchants' Association has elected following office-bearers:—President: Mr. S. D. Sharma. Vice-President: Mr. S. A. Shroff. Hony. Treasurer: Mr. U. K. Doshi. Jt. Hon. Secretary: Mr. B. C. Munshaw and Mr. M. C. Mody.

COMMISSIONER'S ROUND:—The Municipal Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 3, tomorrow (Saturday) at 6-51 am (BT) at the Junction of Mahomedally Road and Masjid Bunder Road, and go round with them in the Ward.

GUJRAT PROVINCIAL RASHTRABHASHA PRACHAR SAMITI:—The following are office-bearers of the GPRPS for the year 1944: President:—Prof. Ramnarain V. Pathak; vice-president; Shri Ishwarlal Desai and Jt. Secretaries; Shri Umashankar Joshi and Parmeshidas Jain. Organizing Secretary:—Shri Kamleshji.

The head office of the Sasmiti is at Khadia, Ahmedabad.

"STOP ALL COAL EXPORTS"

The Association of Indian Industries has sent the following telegram to the Hon'ble Member for War Transport, Government of India New Delhi, protesting against the export of coal:—

"Committee of Association of Indian Industries note with surprise at Government's agreement to export 100,000 tons of coal per month at this juncture when industries are being starved or stopped and transport facilities not sufficiently available. Urge immediate and complete stoppage of all coal exports."

SAVE BENGAL EXHIBITION

The Save Bengal Exhibition organised by the Bombay Committee of the Communist Party of India will remain open to-day (Friday) at Kamgar Maidan Parel. Visiting hours 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. No fees are charged.

HOME INDUSTRIES EXHIBITION

This Exhibition, organized by the Bombay Presidency Women's Council at the University Convocation Hall, will be open to-day (Friday) from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

VEGETABLE FRUIT AND FLOWER SHOW

The Managing Committee of the Vegetable, Fruit and Flower Show for the City and Island of Bombay and Suburbs has extended the last date for receiving entries for different items of exhibits upto 29th of February to enable all interested parties to partake in the Show to be held at the Brabourne Stadium on the 7th and 8th of March.

The Show as already announced will be held at the Brabourne Stadium and will be opened by His Worship the Mayor of Bombay at 5-30 pm (ST) on Tuesday the 7th of March. It will be open to the public upto 7-45 pm and also on the next day (i.e. the 8th of March) from 8 am to 12 noon and from 4-30 pm to 7-45 pm.

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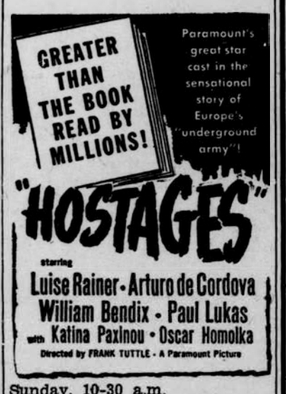
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Validity Of Rent Restriction Order Challenged

CASE BEFORE FULL BENCH

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Kania and Mr. Justice Divatia).

Haveliram Shetty ..... Appellant (Original Defendant).

vs.

The Maharaja of Morvi .. Respondent (Original Plaintiff).

The appellant was a tenant of the respondent's property known as Waterloo Mansions at Mayo Road. On 25th September 1943 the Rent Controller issued a certificate under the proviso to Clause 8 of the Bombay Rent Restriction Order 1942 to the effect that the premises occupied by the appellant were reasonably and 'bona fide' required by the respondent-Maharaja for his own use and occupation.

On behalf of the appellant it was contended that this proviso to Clause 8 which debarred the Courts from questioning the validity of the controller certificate was 'ultra vires' the Provincial Government.

The Central Government as well as the Government of Bombay were added as party respondents and the matter referred to a Full Bench.

Counsel for the appellant argued that under Rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules the Government of Bombay had the power to provide by the Rent Restriction Order for controlling rents and preventing unreasonable eviction but that in delegating to the Controller the power to issue a certificate which was conclusive as to the reasonableness or otherwise of the eviction it had given to that officer a power to legislate and had also ousted the jurisdiction of courts of law.

Counsel for the respondent-Maharaja contended that the proviso to clause 8 not being severable, the whole clause was bad and the landlord was entitled to eject the appellant under the ordinary law. It was further argued that Section 2(1) of the Defence of India Act and Rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules were 'ultra vires' the Government of India Act 1935 under which the power to alter or amend existing laws like the Transfer of Property Act and the Indian Contract Act, as the Bombay Rent Restriction Order did, could not be delegated to an executive authority viz the Bombay Government, as distinguished from a legislative body.

The hearing of the matter is proceeding.

Mr V F Taraporewalla and Mr M M Desai instructed by Messrs Ambubhai and Diwanji appeared for the appellant.

Mr K M Munshi and Mr Baxi instructed by Messrs Merwanji Cola and Co. appeared for the respondent-Maharaja.

Mr M C Setalvad and Mr G N Joshi instructed by the Solicitor to the Central Government appeared for the Government of India.

The Advocate-General Mr N P Engineer and Mr R J Colah instructed by Messrs Little and Co. appeared for the Government of Bombay.

A. I. Women's Conference Annual Session In Bombay

The Bombay Branch of the All-India Women's Conference has invited the All-India Women's Conference to nold its annual session in Bombay during the first week of April.

A Reception Committee has been formed to make arrangements for the the Conference.

These ladies who desire to become Reception Committee members can do so by contributing Rs. 5 each.

For further particulars, please apply to the Joint Honorary Secretaries, Bombay Women's Reception Committee, Vanita Vishram English Shool, Khetwadi Main Road, Bombay (Tel. No. 42883).

MUSLIMS' PROTEST MEETING

A meeting to protest against the book called "Painting in Islam" by "Sir Thomas W. Arnold" printed at Oxford University Clarendon Press, was held by the Anjumane-i-Tableeghe-i-Sadaqat near its office at Kambeker Street last Saturday night, under the presidentship of Mr. A. S. Kably, Advocate.

The meeting was attended by a large gathering of about 15,000 Muslims where Moulvies (Ulmas) also took part.

GOVT. GRANT TO HUMANITARIAN LEAGUE

A scheme submitted by the Bombay Humanitarian League for the establishment of centres for the preservation of about 4,500 useful dry cattle in breeding areas and in Pinjrapoles has been sanctioned by the Government of Bombay. The Government is granting the League a subsidy of Rs. 32,500 towards the total cost of Rs. 37,500.

SIND WINS INTER-PROVINCIAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Sind got the better of Mysore by virtue of a solitary goal scored by P. P. Fernandes in the 33rd minute in yesterday's fixture in The Inter-Provincial Hockey Tournament. It will be conceded, however, that Mysore had, excepting perhaps in the first half of play, the majority of chances; but Sind appeared to have on this occasion a charmed life, and were able to maintain the lead they had established until call of final time.

TO-DAY'S EXHIBITION MATCH 6 p.m—Bombay versus G I P Rly. Hgrs.

CHANGE IN BOMBAY SIDE

It is settled that Munir will replace Correa in the inside-left position of Bombay's side in it's next engagement. This change is most welcome, as outside the selector's themselves, it was felt all around that the inclusion of Munir would unquestionably enhance the effectiveness of Bombay's attack.

DAVAR'S COLLEGE SPORTS

The Annual Athletic Sports of Davar's College of Commerce were held on Saturday, 19th February, 1944 on the Western India Football Association ground on the Cooperage, Bombay, before a large gathering of spectators. The Day's Card provided 17 events which were keenly contested and close finishes were witnessed.

Mr. A. J. Mascarenhas secured the highest number of points in Championship Events annexing the Cambatta Championship Challenge Cup for the year. Mr. R. R. Sheth secured the second highest number of points securing the late Mr. Dinshaw D. Nasikwalla Second Championship Challenge Cup. Both the Champions were congratulated on the maidan amidst loud cheers.

In 440 Yards Championship Event Mr. A. J. Mascarenhas broke the tape first, winning Sir Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Challenge Cup while Mr. A. J. Mascarenhas beat his opponents easily in one mile race securing Mrs. Sodawaterwalla Challenge Cup. In the 100 yards race, Mr. A. J. Mascarenhas and Mr. N. D. Motiwala were close rivals for first place, the former annexing the late Mr. Dinshaw Panthakey Challenge Cup reserved for the event.

These Challenge Cups and numerous other prizes including Cups and medals will be distributed in the College Social Gathering to be held on the 18th March, 1944, in Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Feb. 24.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Stand upright and do not be either cringing or vulgarly self-assertive. Be righteous. Let your words and deeds correspond. Lead no double life. Proclaim what you think right.

—Sir J. C. Bose.

The Bombay Chronicle

AVERT ANOTHER FAMINE

From a sample survey of eight of the famine affected districts of Bengal it is estimated that "the probable total number of deaths above the normal comes to well over three and a half millions," subject, of course, to probable error in all sample surveys. In his recent statement issued after elaborate inquiries Pandit Kunzru stated: "What I have seen and learnt from official and unofficial sources makes me think that it can be safely said that the deaths have exceeded two millions." These figures, worked out by responsible men after careful inquiries, are themselves frightful in all conscience. But the people of the province are not yet quite out of the wood. Acute scarcity still persists in many districts, many are utterly unable to buy food stuffs available at only exorbitant prices, and many more who have survived the famine are being affected by epidemics and diseases due to malnutrition. The inadequacy of quinine and other essential drugs makes one fear that disease may continue to levy a heavy toll. The report on the sample survey states: "The hign incidence of malaria and other diseases had disabled a large proportion of the surviving earners from doing any work. In some of the areas the proportion of such persons (disabled earners) was found to be as high as 30 per cent at a time." That is not all. "The death rate among adult men has been much higher than among adult women. In the less affected areas, nearly twice as many adult men had died as adult women, and in the worse affected areas, the proportion had been even higher. One consequence of this differential death rate had been the loss of earners to a large number of families." Finally, the survey has also revealed the loss of cultivable lands of 25 to 30 per cent of small peasants and professional implements of communities like fishermen. It is suggested that unless steps are taken to restore lands to peasants and to supply implements to fishermen and people of other such communities, these people will soon join the rank of destitutes.

These are familiar features of a long neglected famine and they make the task of rehabilitation extremely difficult. Moreover, food sufficient for the province may be available at certain centres; but, as Pandit Kunzru points out, "if owing to maladministration in Bengal or the failure of the British Government and the Government of India to shoulder their responsibilities at this juncture it does not reach the deficit areas, Bengal will be faced with a disaster greater than the one which overwhelmed it last year. And there will be no excuse for it." The fear is shared by many others who have seen the situation in Bengal and who feel for the affected people. The warning should be heeded betimes by all the authorities concerned.

Bengal's tragedy should be a warning to other deficit provinces also. We do not know if the much advertised official efforts to grow more food will actually yield more food. People accustomed to grow non-food crops on good soil cannot be easily persuaded to grow food crops on indifferent uncultivated soil unless they are given a number of necessary facilities with regard to irrigation, seed supply, and a reasonable price for the harvest. But in many places, the grow more food campaign has been only a make-believe. To be fully successful the campaign needs the active cooperation of the people. But the constitutionally irresponsible officers are ill calculated to enlist such co-operation, however well-meaning and efficient they may otherwise be. It is, however, the duty of the people to take all possible steps to avert fresh famines, whether or not officials do their duty in the matter. Continued scarcity has already sapped millions of their vitality, and repeated famines may work havoc on a scale unparalleled in the history of the country or of the world.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Stalin's Rebuff To Hitler

As if in response to Churchill's speech in the Parliament, Marshal Stalin, has taken occasion to stress Allied solidarity in the Order of the Day issued by him on the 26th anniversary of the Red Army. Referring to the Nazi attempts to sow discord among the Allies and thus to protract the war, Stalin categorically stated that "all the manoeuvres are bound to fail, for at the basis of the anti-Hitler coalition lie the vital interests of the Allies who have the task of defeating Hitlerite Germany and her accomplices." This statement should help to set at rest the fears expressed in certain quarters that once the Fascist hordes are driven from the Fatherland, the Red Army will merely dig its toes on the frontier (?) leaving the Allies to deal with the Wehrmacht as best they can on the second front—when it is open. Apart from the fact that this will be singularly short-sighted strategy to adopt,—it will inevitably prolong the war—the very momentum of the gigantic battles that are waging on the Russian front will not allow the Red Army to disengage until they have annihilated the enemy. Stalin's emphatic avowal of Allied unity is, therefore, rightly hailed in diplomatic circles as a stinging rebuff to Hitler.

Another Battle Of London

The Nazis seem to have definitely, if not decisively, returned to the Battle of London. Five alerts have been sounded in the last four nights and the number of German planes crossing are gradually increasing. On Tuesday night as many as 100 bombers penetrated to the London area and the losses inflicted upon them were not such as to deter them from return visits. Complete reports about the destruction caused are not yet available but it doesn't seem to have been negligible. It is true that these attacks may be meant merely as reprisal raids but they cannot be dismissed on that account. On the contrary, there is every possibility of another Battle of London developing as in their blind fury the Nazis try to wreak the final revenge upon Britain. Mr. Churchill himself gave a salutary warning in this connection during his latest war review and hinted at the use of rocket planes by the enemy. It seems as if the Londoners will have to take it again before they are finally through with it.

Paper Shortage

It is a pity that while the shortage of paper continues to be serious, the position is made worse as manufacturers have been ordered by Government to reduce their consumption of coal considerably. The needs of the paper mills in respect of coal vary with the nature of the raw material used, and if Government had taken into confidence the manufacturers, it might have been possible to effect due economy in the consumption of coal without seriously aggravating the scarcity of paper. Government can yet mend matters by taking all the paper interests into confidence and also helping in securing adequate raw material at a reasonable cost without any avoidable delays in transport. That would ultimately benefit Government themselves as well as the public.

Disposal Of Cloth And Yarn

BOMBAY, Feb. 24.

"In view of the very great difficulties that have recently been experienced over transport, the Textile Commissioner has decided to give an extension until June 30 1944 for the final disposal of cloth and yarn texmarked August or September and an extension until March 31 1944 for the opening of bales or cases texmarked November," says a press note issued by the office of the Textile Commissioner.—A. P.

ALL ACCUSED ACQUITTED

Judgment In Sutahata Thana Attack Case

MIDNAPORE, Feb. 24

Judgment was delivered in the Sutahata Thana attack case by Mr. B. N. Mitra, District and Sessions Judge, who agreeing with the majority verdict of not guilty by the jury, acquitted all the twenty-one accused including two ladies.

According to the prosecution about 30,000 people armed with various weapons attacked the Sutahata police station on September 24, 1942. The mob tied the Thana officers and constables with ropes and snatched their uniform and broke open the Malkhana and took away five guns and set fire to the Thana buildings and some thatched houses. Later, the military came to the spot and a large number of arrests were made in this connection. Eventually, 21 persons were sent up for trial.—United Press.

JOURNALIST RELEASED

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23: News has been received from Ferozpur, that Mr. E. Narayanan, Assistant Editor of the "Hindustan Times," who has been under detention under the Defence of India Rules 26, has been unconditionally released to-day under the order of the Chief Commissioner of Delhi.—A. P.

73 DETENUS RELEASED IN PUNJAB

LAHORE, Feb. 23: It is understood that the Punjab Government have recently released 73 Congress detenus. 25 more are expected to be released shortly.

It is further understood that the question of transferring detenus to the jails nearer their homes is under the consideration of the Government. —A. P.

BIHAR SECURITY PRISONERS

PATNA, Feb. 24

The 'United Press' understands that security prisoners in Bihar have been provided with grounds of their detention under the new Ordinance. It is learnt that such security prisoners detained before the August disturbances of 1942 are likely to be informed about the reasons for their detention.

It is further understood that the Government of India have issued circulars to different provincial Governments that no undertaking should be demanded from security prisoners. —United Press.

Detenu Ex-Premier Brought To Hospital

(From Our Correspondent.)

JUBBULPORE, Feb. 23.

Pt. Ravishankar Shukla, ex-Premier, detained in Central Jail Jubbulpore, was brought yesterday to Victoria Hospital for further examination and treatment, as he is suffering from chronic nasal trouble.

BHOLA SINGH RELEASED

NAGPUR, Feb. 23.—Mr. Bhola Singh, well-known Congress worker who was a detenu, was released.—United Press.

ORDER ON "ABSCONDERS"

JALGAON, Feb. 24.

Five persons stated to be absconding with a view to avoid the execution of the orders issued against them during the months of February and March 1943, under the D. I. R. have now been ordered by the District Magistrate of East Khandesh under section 3 (b) (I) of the Restriction and Detention Ordinance, 1944, to appear before the authorities before March 17, 1944. The persons mentioned in the order hail from the villages in Bhusawal, Chalisgaon, Amalner and Yawal Talukas.

SURAT, Feb. 24: The District Magistrate of Surat has issued a notification ordering seven persons hailing from Chorasi, Mandvi and Bardoli talukas and from certain areas of Baroda State to appear before the authorities before March 16 to enable the execution of the orders of arrest and detention issued against them during the month of January 1943.

SHIKHARE NOT TO BE RELEASED

MIRAJ, Feb. 23

It is understood that the Resident, Kolhapur and Western India States, has refused to grant permission for the release of Mr. B. V. Shikhare, General Secretary of the Deccan States' People's Conference and a member of the Standing Committee of the All-India States' People's Conference.

It may be stated here that about a month back the citizens of Miraj made a representation to the Miraj Durbar urging the release of Mr. Shikhare.

It is reported that the matter was referred by the Miraj Durbar to the Resident of Kolhapur and in view of the grounds on which Mr. Shikhare was arrested in August 1942, the Resident has turned down the representation.—United Press.

ORDER ON M.L.A.

NASIK, Feb. 24: An order under Section 3 (6) (IV) of the Restriction and Detention Ordinance, 1944, has been issued by the District Magistrate of Nasik asking Mr. V. N. Naik, M.L.A., Manmad, to appear before March 18 before the authorities to answer the order for his detention issued under the Defence of India Rules on August 28, 1942.—United Press.

AHMEDABAD CONGRESSMEN SENTENCED

Ahmedabad: Eight Congressmen were sentenced today to four months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 100 each in default to two months' further R. I on a charge of attempting to hold a meeting on the independence day in defiance of the prohibitory order of the District Magistrate.

City Congress Workers Released

Thirty-eight persons, including 18 women Congress workers who were arrested on Wednesday for attempting to hold a condolence meeting to mourn the death of Kasturba Gandhi, at Chowpatty were released on Thursday.

Disposal Of Imported Goods

BOMBAY, Feb. 24.

All holders of imported goods are again reminded that they should apply through their District Magistrates or District Textile Control Officers to the Textile Commissioner for an extension of time to dispose of such goods. The applications must contain the exact yardage of each variety held in full pieces, and samples of each variety must be furnished, says a press note issued by Mr M K Vellodi, Textile Commissioner.—A. P.

Textiles Dyes Control

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24.

A notification dated February 22 amends the Cotton Textile (Dyes and Chemicals) Control Order so as to provide that the order shall come into force from March 1, 1944, instead of from the date of its publication. It is understood that this is intended to give the industry time to make the necessary adjustments.—A. P.

Freedom From Want & Liberty Of Press

Brelvi's Appeal To Journalists And Proprietors

CALCUTTA, Feb. 24.

Mr. S. A. Brelvi, President of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference has issued the following statement:

"Owing to the death of Mrs. Gandhi, the function which would have given me the opportunity of meeting journalists of Calcutta, has had to be cancelled. As I shall not have the opportunity of meeting journalists of this great city, before leaving Calcutta, may I make an earnest appeal to them as well as to newspaper proprietors?

The main objects of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference are to protect the liberty of the press and to maintain the high traditions and standards of journalism in our country. These are objects in which all newspapers and all journalists are vitally interested. The conference belongs to no party. Whatever success it has been able to achieve hitherto, has been due to the support and co-operation it has received from different sections of the press. The orders recently served on the "Hindustan Times;" and the "National Call" show how precarious is the freedom of the press in our country, and how the Government, whenever it suits them, violate agreements entered into by them with the Conference. The orders also emphasize the need for strengthening the Conference, in order to enable it successfully to resist all encroachments on the liberty of the press. May I, therefore, reiterate the appeal I made at the Madras session of the Conference to newspapers which have not joined it, to do so as early as possible.

The standards of payment to Journalists and their working conditions in Calcutta as in other parts of India are except in very few newspaper offices, very unsatisfactory. In pursuance of a resolution passed at the Madras session of the conference, a committee consisting of Messrs. Subramanyam, Cowley and Shiva Rao has been appointed to deal with this question, and I trust newspaper proprietors as well as journalists in Bengal and in other parts of the country will give every possible help to this committee. The financial condition of newspapers has considerably improved recently. I have reason to believe that many newspaper proprietors are anxious to utilize this opportunity by giving a fair deal to working journalists. Journalists' Associations in different parts of the country have appealed to the Government of India to refrain from imposing restrictions that will prevent justice being done in this respect to a class of public servants who have been hitherto woefully underpaid and, have, therefore, suffered most acutely as a result of the abnormally high cost of living. On behalf of the editors' conference, I wholeheartedly endorse this appeal."—A. P.

Brelvi's Talks To Calcutta Journalists

CALCUTTA, Feb. 24

Mr. S. A. Brelvi, President of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference, paid visits yesterday to some newspaper offices and the office of the 'United Press of India'.

Mr. Brelvi met editors and representatives of Calcutta newspapers and News Agencies at an informal conference held this morning at the office of the "Amrita Bazar Patrika" under the auspices of the Indian Journalists' Association, Calcutta, when problems facing newspapers and the question of welfare of working journalists were discussed.

Mr. Brelvi left for Bombay to-day. —United Press.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVT. WANTS TO KEEP INDIA AS SLAVE

Sapru's Attack On Churchill's Empire Obsession: Hossain Imam Says Present Delhi Govt. Can't Handle Things On Grand Scale

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24.

After question hour the Council of State passed Mr. Hossain Imam's resolution recommending that price control and adequate supply of the requirements of the agriculturists be taken in hand.

Mr. Hossain Imam said in the matter of drugs, the Government had no doubt taken some steps to control the prices, but on account of lack of adequate imports Drug Control was not so successful as Textile Control.

Mr. Imam pointed out that planters in certain parts of the country were not able to get agricultural machinery like tractors, winnowing machinery etc., which the Government could arrange to import from United States of America, whose troops were being fed by Indian agriculturists.

If the agriculturist had an extra acre of land, an extra pair of bullocks, seeds and other implements readily available to him, he was surely not going to wait for Government's propaganda to induce him to cultivate that land.

Mr. R. N. Mohatta and Mr. V. V. Kalikar supported the motion.

Mr. P. N. Sapru was sure that nothing was going to come out of the resolution but still he would give his support to it.

Mr. Kumar Shankar Roy—Chowdhury drew attention to lack of pasture facilities and suggested Government should concentrate on a "Grow more fodder" campaign.

Mr. N. R. Pillai, correcting the statement of Mr. Hossain Imam about Drug Control, stated that they had been able to secure shipping space for 85 per cent of the estimated needs of the country.

Mr. G. S. Motilal, gave his general support to the resolution.

LEAVE PRODUCER SUFFICIENT GRAINS.

Mr. S. K. Roy-Chowdhury suggested to the Government that in requisitioning foodgrains from the agriculturist, the authorities should allow the producer to keep enough for himself and his family and for his seed requirements. He quoted the instance of a District Magistrate who would allow only half a pound per day for an adult agricultural labourer and nothing for a child.

Sir Shantidas Askuran referred to the steps taken by the Bombay Government to control slaughter of cattle by prohibiting the slaughter of cattle of less than ten years. He suggested that this example might be followed by other Provinces.

GROWING POPULATION.

Sir Jogendra Singh referred to the growing population of the country and said that he had been told by a friend of his that in 40 years the population would have increased by another 240 millions at the present rate. But for any programme of raising the standard of living at least 30 per cent of the present rural population would have to be taken out of the land and given occupation in other industries. The Government were now engaged in examining this problem in all its aspects and planning for the post-war period. It was not possible to tackle the economic problem at one end.

Sir Jogendra Singh pointed out that the steps taken by the Bombay Government in regard to slaughter of cattle were at the instance of the Central Government and four Provincial Governments were adopting measures.

Replying on behalf of Government, Mr. S. R. Sen said efforts were being made to import from the United States and the United Kingdom larger quantities of consumers' goods generally in demand and he hoped a large quantity of these would have arrived in India.

After a brief reply by Mr. Hussain Imam, the resolution was passed.

TO FIGHT INFLATION

The Council then took up Mr. M. N. Dalal's resolution recommending the appointment of a Consultative Committee composed of non-official representatives of the Central Legislature and representatives from Indian financial and commercial interests to advise Government to rehabilitate the economic structure of the country.

Urging the Government to accept the resolution. Mr. Dalal said the expansion of currency in India was "mammoth". Industrially backward, the country was asked to swallow a 500 per cent expansion in currency, while in England, the note circulation in November last was only double the pre-war figure. War expenditure in the country had increased by 300 per cent and there was no justification to think that India had been let off lightly.

Mr. R. N. Mahatta supported the resolution.

PRESENT GOVT. CAN'T DO IT

Mr. Hossain Imam (Muslim League) said the present Government, unrepresentative and unresponsive, was unable to handle things in the grand scale, which was necessary to rehabilitate the economic structure of the country.

On the question of sterling balances, Mr. Imam said there was a genuine doubt whether we would get a square deal from His Majesty's Government. He criticised the reserve Bank's policy of purchasing sterling at market rates instead of statutory prices and said if anyone wanted to sell sterling he was bound to come to us.

ATTACK ON CHURCHILL

Giving his support to Mr. Dalal's resolution with a good deal of "mental reservation" Mr. P. N. Sapru declared that the whole policy of His Majesty's Government was aimed at keeping India as a slave for ever as disclosed by the speeches of Mr. Churchill, who said that he was opposed to make the British Empire a Commonwealth of Nations.

He characterised the policy of the Government of India as thoroughly bankrupt of all that they associated with statesmanship. The committee that Mr. Dalal recommended would only be advisory in character and would have no effective power to tackle the problem. But being a believer in democracy and having no faith in Fascist methods, he would give his support to the resolution "with all these mental reservations".

Mr. Kumar Shankar Roy—Chowdhury also gave his "half-hearted support" to the resolution.

Mr. R. H. Parker, answering the points raised by Mr. Sapru, asserted that Advisory Committees could have a great influence and cited the example of the Privy Council which was only advisory in character. He also asserted that the British Empire was a Commonwealth of the Dominions and India.

Pandit Kunzru: Have you got the authority of Mr. Churchill to say that. (Laughter).

Mr. C. E. Jones, Secretary, Finance Department, replying on behalf of the Government, pointed out that the Government in dealing with day-to-day requirements to combat inflation, price level and other problems, had to take quick and effective action, and the process of consulting a committee as suggested by Mr. Dalal comprising representative irom different parts of the country and of different interests would result in delay, which they could not afford in times of crisis and emergency. Therefore he would ask the mover not to press the resolution.

Mr. Dalal, thereupon, withdrew his resolution.

MANUFACTURE OF LOCOMOTIVES.

Pt. H. N. Kunzru then moved a resolution recommending that steps be taken to manufacture broad gauge locomotives in India.

Mr. G. S. Motilal said the question was not of starting a locomotive industry in the country but really one of reviving the industry. Locomotives were made in the country by the East India Company at Jamalpur till 1926.

The debate was at this stage postponed, and the House adjourned till Tuesday.

Before the adjournment Sir Mohammad Usman, the Leader of the House, announced that the food debate would not take place on Monday next as it was not convenient to many members. He would announce a fresh date later on.—A. P.

AIR ACTIVITY OVER BURMA

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24.

Details received at the temporary headquarters in New Delhi of Major General George E. Stratemeye's Eastern Air Command give an impressive picture of widespread combat activities of the tactical and strategic arms of the New Allied Air Force of the Southeast Asia Command during a ten-day period ending Wednesday, 23rd February, says a Press Note issued from the Headquarters Eastern Air Command (S E A).

The salient feature of the variety of operations has been the variety of targets From northern Burma to the Arakan and as far east as Bangkok, R A F, I A F and U S A A F aircraft of every type hammered incessantly at troop and supply concentrations, land and water transport, airfields, bridges, warehouses and factories.

In addition to sustained dive-bombing and strafing activity in the Arakan, in which R A F Vengeances, Hurricanes and Spitfires struck effectively at enemy strong points and communications, set fire to storage dumps, and, in passing downed six Jap planes and damaged fifteen. Air Marshal Sir John Baldwin's Tactical Air Force, using U S mediums, fighters and fighter bombers, hanged over northern Burma throughout the ten-day period.—A. P.

Decline Of Gold-Mining Industry

CAPETOWN, Feb. 24.

The South African Minister of Finance Mr J Hendrik Hofmeyer, in his budget speech today said that the decline of the gold mining industry as a revenue producer had a serious effect on the total yield of inland revenue. War conditions had very considerably reduced the industry's output. The conditions would not persist.

Questions In Assembly:

TRANSFER OF INDIA TO AMERICANS?

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24

"Government have seen press reports to the effect that sections of public opinion in the United States of America have urged the acquisition of certain rights in relation to aerodromes built with American funds in other countries," said the Secretary, Posts and Air, Sir Gurunath Bewoor, in reply to Sir A. H. Ghaznavi in the Assembly. "No question of the transfer of sovereignty can arise and indeed according to press reports the President of the United States has rejected any such idea," he added.

In reply to supplementaries Sir Gurunath explained that the right referred to was the right to use the aerodrome for traffic purpose.

U. S. AERODROMES IN INDIA

Mr. Neogy: How many aerodromes have been built in India by Americans? Sir Gurunath said he was unable to answer that question, and explained that his department was not concerned with military aerodromes.

Mr. Ananga Mohan Dam: Is it a fact that several American officers have been employed on various railways and if so what is their number?

Sir Edward Benthall: No, but on occasions American officers have been associated in work which affects the movement of their own war equipment and stores.

Q: Is it a fact that certain sections of the Bengal and Assam Railway have been placed at the disposal of the American military authorities; if so, do Government propose to lay before the House particulars of the arrangements or contracts entered into between the U S. and the Central Government?

Ans: No; but traffic operation on certain sections of the Bengal and Assam Railway will be handed over for control and direction by the Americans who will employ a number of their own army railway personnel. The General Manager of the Railway will, however, continue to exercise general control.

Q: Does the Lend-Lease Agreement envisage control over railway lines by the American military?

Ans: No, this has nothing to do with lease-lend.

Several members angrily asked why this arrangement with the American authorities was made without reference to the House. One member asked if there was any proposal to transfer India in whole or in part to Americans.

WILL U. S. LIFT BAN ON ENTRY OF INDIANS?

Maulana Zafarali: Is the ban on the entry of Indians into America going to be lifted as a part of the arrangement?

Mr. Lalchand Navalrai wanted to know whether the arrangement was entered into because of shortage of staff on the railway.

Sir Edward said that was one of the principal reasons. He added in reply to other supplementaries that the arrangement was the result of mutual consultation and the Railway welcomed the assistance of Americans.

Replying to Sardar Mangal Singh's questions about the Indian Agent-General's representations to the U.S. State Department for the removal of restrictions on the entry of Indians into America, the external Affairs Secretary Sir Olaf Caroe said: "Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai has been informed by the State Department that the Government of the United States of America view his representations with sympathy, and that they will examine the possibility of having legislation introduced in the sense desired."

COAL COMMISSIONER.

A number of questions were put by Mr. Neogy about the appointment of the Coal Commissioner. Sir Edward Benthall replied in the affirmative to Mr. Neogy's question whether Government were satisfied that no Indian of the requisite qualifications was available.

The Commissioner, Sir Edward said, has been requested to put forward proposals designed to achieve the most efficient methods of production and distribution and his official relations would depend upon the decisions taken after consideration of his proposals. His emoluments were £5,000 per annum.

Mr. Neogy asked why this new Coal Commissioner was being placed above such a competent officer as Mr. Faruqi, who had the confidence of the trade. Dr. Bannerjee: Will his status be higher than that of the Executive Council. Sir Edward's answers were not heard in the press gallery.—A.P.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

The Donkey Derby looks like being big every night. A trophy has been provided for each day's race. The opening day event will be the Berar Derby Stakes for which the Prince of Berar has donated a Cup. "On the following days the events will be the Gwalior, Baroda, Rajpipla, R.W.I.T.C. and Idar Derby Stakes—with a special cup for the last event provided by His Highness of Idar."

—Advance report of "Merrie Town Fete".

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INDIA GOVERNMENT'S AVIATION POLICY

—Headline.

It is always flying into a temper, giving expensive joy-rides to its favourites, going into spins, loops and crash-dives, and coming to earth only when it has a forced landing.

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In Canberra during the second reading of the Coal Bill, the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. John Curtin, said that "it would be an abdication of the functions of Government if groups of workers were allowed to arrogate to themselves the right to dictate the conduct of their Commonwealth defence."

Of course, of course! How dare they arrogate to themselves a right that belongs only to the capitalists and the Bureaucrats!

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Commenting on the sad demise of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi in detention, Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai, Agent-General for India in Washington, said: "Living at the palace she had the benefit of care from an eminent doctor on the premises."

The Agent-General forgot to mention that the "palace" is only a bungalow and that the eminent doctor happened to be on the premises because he was a fellow-prisoner!

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TODAYS PRIZE HOWLERS Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague

(1) *Premier Churchill has fallen in love with the Communist Marshal Tito and Mihailovitch's Chatniks (glorified by Hollywood in a film of that name) are feeling jilted.*

(2) *The British Conservatives complain that while they are fighting a global "People's War", the Socialists have been stabbing them in the back —at the by-elections!*

(3) *The Pope is so worried about saving Rome from air-raids for he vividly remembers what was done to Addis Ababa—with his blessings!*

(4) *The Punjab Government sent an emissary all the way to Bombay to invite Mr. Yusuf Meherally for another trip to Pakistan—sorry, Panjab!*

(5) *Since Mr. Meherally is in a nursing home, the order served on him by the C.I.D. has been hung on the wall along with the temperature chart—as an additional incentive to recovery.*

Gandhi And Japan

It was my good fortune to have lived with Mahatma Gandhi at Sevagram from January, 1939, till August 1942.

I had been enjoying all the rights of a member of the Ashram and the full confidence of all its inmates, including the late Sri Mahadev Desai and Sri Pyarelal, now at Aga Khan's. Gandhiji had always a soft corner for me and never grudged me his time and energy in replying to my questions and solving my doubts.

The other members of the Working Committee I used to meet whenever they would come to Wardha, and but for the official sessions I could freely come in and listen to all the meetings.

Gandhiji used often to ventilate his difficulties with the members of the Ashram and we had a very clear picture of his mind on every matter.

I can testify, that throughout the period of my stay at the Ashram not a single time it has come to my notice, that pro-Japanese feelings are developing round Mahatma Gandhi. On several occasions he used to say: "If the Japanese come, we shall have to resist them with all the might of non-violence." The ashramites in their conversations between themselves were getting ready for death or torture at the hands of the invader. Expressions like: "We must stand up against all invaders", "the Japanese will be still worse", "millions will perish", "we know what happened in China" were common. The last was rather specific, because not long before a Chinese mission had visited Sevagram and photos of raped women and mutilated children were shown round.

The clearest expression of Gandhiji's mind in this matter I heard when we were at Bardoli. There was a talk about Mr. Bose, who had just escaped from India. Gandhiji painted a vivid picture of the Forward Bloc leader and wound up with these words: "I admire him for his pluck, but I will have nothing to do with him."

It was clear to everybody, that no idea of collaboration with the Japanese was ever contemplated in Sevagram.

I have no doubt, that what Gandhiji contemplated in case of invasion by Japan was a country-wide call for non-co-operation and for the creation round India of a ring-pass-not of non-violent resistance.

To accuse him of planning a truce with the invader is contrary to truth, in the interest of which this statement is published.

MAURICE FRYDMAN

20-2-1944.
Swatantrapur,
Aundh State.

The Secretary, Servindia Travancore Relief Centre, Alleppey writes:

"Miss Albara Hon. Joint-Secretary, All-Nations Ball for Famine areas, in India, has sent a cheque from Bombay for Rs. 5,000 and the India Relief Committee, London of Rs. 3,000 through Mr N M Joshi, for our relief work."

GREAT ACTION FILM AT METRO

"Claudia" At Eros: "Hostages" At Regal

BY T. V. P.

Vigorous, forceful and inspired, "Action In The North Atlantic" tells the glorious story of the men of the United States Merchant Marine. Thanks to the Warner Bros. they are no longer the "unsung heroes" of the war, and never have Hollywood's Klieg lights shone on a group of men more deserving of recognition and praise. These are the men who make it possible to "hit the enemy wherever he can be found" by delivering the needed oil, munitions and supplies through sub-infested seas. The story deserves and receives a strong cast headed by Humphrey Bogart, Raymond Massey, Allan Hale, Julie Bishop and Ruth Gordon. It is being shown at Metro.

This week's entertainment fare at the Eros is "Claudia" with a new star Dorothy McGuire and Robert Young in top roles. In this film, 20th Century-Fox have scored a double triumph by presenting a new but sensational face to the screen and also translating a very popular romantic story on the screen.

As retribution draws nearer for Hitler and his satellites, Paramount shows dramatically how the "underground army" is paving the way for the final day of reckoning in "Hostages", at Regal Theatre. The picture marks the return of Luise Rainer, the only actress to win two consecutive Academy Awards, after a four-year absence.

"Crime Doctor", a Columbia picture is quite an exciting story having its first run at Strand. Warner Baxter plays the doctor and Margaret Lindsay the woman who loves him. Only she calls him a "man among millions" while he is being condemned by the court, the jury and the newspapermen.

"Behind the Rising Sun" is continued for another week at New Empire. It portrays vividly modern Japan and its ambitions.

"Watch On The Rhine" at Excelsior Theatre is much more than stirring and dramatic entertainment. It is an experience in a motion picture theatre that comes alive, and is real as flesh and blood, pain and joy. It stars Bette Davis and Paul Lukas, but when you come into the theatre you will meet Sara and Kurt Muller and that is how you will remember them. It is the highest tribute that can be paid to acting.

CORPORATION ADJOURNS FOR KASTURBA'S DEATH

As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Kasturba Gandhi the Bombay Municipal Corporation adjourned, on Thursday Mr M R Masani, the Mayor, was in the chair.

The Mayor, at the outset, said:—

"Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi although not primarily a political worker, devoted her life to the cause of India's freedom embodied in her great husband's life-work. The fact that she died in prison is a painful reminder to us of the fact that our national aspiration for freedom is still unfulfilled.

COMPLETE SELF-EFFACEMENT

"Mrs. Gandhi's greatness lay in her complete self-effacement. Her death is not only an irreparable loss to Mahatma Gandhi, whose devoted companion she was for over 60 years—a loss made all the more grievous by reason of his captivity—but also to the teeming millions of her countrymen and women who held her in great esteem and reverence.

"I am sure the Corporation would desire to place on record their sense of sorrow at the death of Mrs Gandhi, and I shall, therefore, call upon Mr Motichand Kapadia to move a resolution in that behalf."

Mr. Motichand Kapadia moved the condolence resolution and adjournment of the house for the day.

Mr. Kapadia said that Mrs. Kasturba provided an example for true Indian womanhood.

Mr Fatekhan Munshi (Muslim League Party) seconding the resolution stated that whatever their party differences be, their heart went out to the Mahatma in his sad bereavement. He hoped that the Mahatma would bear the loss with calmness and courage.

Dr. Mrs. Malinibai Sukhtankar, Mrs. Leelavati Munshi and Mrs. Shuttu Tyabji associated themselves with the feelings expressed in the house.

Dr. Naushir Bharucha, Mr S S Mirajkar, Mr M D Dhonde, Mr M N Talpade and Mr M M Killedar, supporting the resolution stated that Government should have made a gesture by releasing her.

Among those who spoke associating themselves with the feeling of sorrow, were Mr A P Sabavala, Dr J A Collaco, Mr Jamnadas Dwarkadas, Mr Mohanlal Desai and Mr M O E Patel.

The resolution was passed, all standing.

MOURNING PROESSION AND MEETING AT BHUJ

(From Our Correspondent.)

BHUJ, Feb. 23.—Cutch observed complete hartal in honour of the sad demise of Kastuba. Schools are closed. Public meeting is organised to take place after a silent mourning procession this evening by Praja Parishad.

MYSORE CHAMBER'S TELEGRAM.

BANGALORE: The Managing Committee of the Mysore Chamber of Commerce has sent the following telegram to Mahatma Gandhi, Poona:

"Committee learn with profound sorrow Kasturba Gandhi's lamented demise Convey their sincere condolences in your bereavement. Pray for fortitude to bear irreparable loss."

LONDON INDIANS CONDOLENCE

LONDON: In a telegram sent to Mr. Gandhi to-day, members of the Swaraj House "express their deep sorrow at the passing of Mrs. Gandhi in detention and convey their heartfelt condolence with Mahatma Gandhi and the bereaved family."

The resolution of condolence will be submitted to members at a special meeting at Swaraj House next Saturday.

The Committee of Indian Congressmen in Great Britain are also holding a meeting next Sunday to express condolence with Mr Gandhi.—Reuter.

Wife Of Selfless Devotion

BENARES: "When the names of the political and military leaders which are to-day in the front news, are lost to memory, when their contributions, seemingly significant sink into oblivion, Gandhi's name will be remembered as a liberator of humanity and prophet of the future," said Sir S. Radhakrishnan, Vice-Chancellor of the Benares Hindu University, addressing a largely attended meeting of the staff and students held this morning to mourn the death of Mrs Kasturba Gandhi.

The Vice-Chancellor continuing said: "Mrs. Gandhi, whose death we mourn to-day, by her selfless devotion and complete identification with his aims and ideals, has wrought for herself a permanent place in the history of India's struggle for freedom. She was his constant and unfailing companion for nearly 60 years and stood by him in storm and stress, in cloud and rain."

Kasturba's silent suffering and sacrifice, humility and faith remind us of the great women of India. Anasoya and Arundathi who have never found fame but whose selfless existence has helped to civilise the race, Sir Radhakrishnan added.

The Benares University, Municipal schools and almost all shops in the city were closed to-day as a mark of respect to the memory of Mrs. Gandhi.

RECORD OF WHICH ANY WOMAN CAN BE PROUD

"News of the last few days had prepared us all for the worst, still death is death and whenever it may come it gives a shock", said Mr. Sri Prakasa, M.L.A. (Central) on hearing the passing away of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi.

He added, "Not only India but the world is poorer to-day by the loss of one of the noblest women that have ever lived.

"To be the wife of a being like Mahatmaji entails a burden that few can bear and that "Ba"—she was really a "Ba", that is mother to us all—should have borne the burden so cheerfully, so steadfastly, so triumphantly, throughout her husband's stormy life for over 60 years is a record of which any woman can be proud. We can all take pride in the fact that such women can yet be born.

ASSEMBLY AND DEATH OF KASTURBA

President's Reply To Move Of Nationalists' Chief For Adjournment

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24.

Mr. Abdul Quayum, Acting Leader of the Congress Party, and Dr. P. N. Bannerjee, Leader of the Nationalist Party in the Central Assembly, have issued a joint statement wherein they say:

"It was the desire of the Congress and Nationalist Parties that the Legislative Assembly should adjourn for the day to show our respect to the memory of Shrimati Kasturba Gandhi after passing a condolence resolution. Dr. Bannerjee stood up to make a statement in this connection but was not allowed. The Congress and the Nationalist Parties did not participate in the proceedings."

PRESIDENT EXPLAINS

The President Sir Abdur Rahim made a statement in the Assembly today in which he said:

"I wish to clear up any misunderstanding that may have arisen with respect to my ruling of yesterday that Dr. Bannerjee was not in order in attempting to make a statement after the question were finished and before the business on the list was taken up. If he wanted to refer to the death of Mrs. Gandhi, which has caused us all much sorrow, and to move for adjournment of the House as a mark of respect to her memory, he could not do so, for according to the convention, which has been arrived at in the matters, such references and motions of condolence can only be made in respect of deaths of members of the Assembly.

"If, on the other hand, Dr. Bannerjee wished to make a statement on behalf of his own Party and of any other members that they would not take part in the proceedings of the day owing to this sad event, the proper time for explaining their position would have been, according to the practice of the Assembly, when the first motion on the list had been moved and Dr. Bannerjee would have had an opportunity to address the House.

"I may also mention that if honourable members desire to revise the present Convention on the subject of condolence motions, I shall be prepared to discuss the matter with the leaders of parties."

UNIONIST PARTY FOR SIND IN OFFING?

KARACHI, Feb. 24.

The lobbies of the Sind Legislative Assembly were full of speculations today concerning a possible change in, though not of, the ministry.

It seems these rumours proceed from the persistent efforts of Mr. Nichaldas Wazirani, the Hindu Panchayat leader and leader of the Opposition, to unite the Hindus on the platform not necessarily under the Hindu Mahasabha—and the reported harbouring of a sense of grievance by a section of the Baloch party.

Muslim League as well as Baloch leaders aver that the ministry is "sound as a rock."

From all accounts, the emergence of a Sind Unionist party—somewhat on the lines of the Punjab party—seems to be on the tapis.—A. P.

I. A. F. OFFICER KILLED IN AIR CRASH

LAHORE, Feb. 24.

Flying officer Rachhpal Singh, IAF, second son of Major Amar Singh, Deputy Recruiting Officer, Lahore, was killed in an air crash, which recently occurred near Lahore.—A. P.

ASSAM BUDGET

SHILLONG, Feb. 24: The Assam Government's Budget for the year 1944-45 will be presented in the Assam Assembly by Mr. Abdul Matin Choudhury, Finance Minister, on March 2, the opening day of the Budget session.—United Press.

RANJI NORTH ZONE FINAL

MADRAS, Feb. 24.—The postponed match in the North Zone final between the Southern Punjab and the Northern India will be played at Patiala on March 4, 5 and 6.—A.P.

UNITY OF SCOUT ORGANISATIONS

Dr. Kunzru's Exhortation To Scouters

Winding up the proceedings of the All-India Hindustan Scouters' Conference recently held at Delhi, the Hon. Dr. H. N. Kunzru, National Scout Commissioner, stressed the vital need for developing real international spirit among the youths of the world by having a common scout promise of a general character, which might make a universal appeal to scouts all over the world and so be acceptable to all. The boy should be an end in himself and all considerations should be made subservient to the one great object of making him think in terms of world citizenship, inspired by feelings of perfect harmony and goodwill. The aims of scouting being universal, it was necessary that the Promise, which had a tremendous effect on the lives of boys, should be general and one and the same for all boys in the world. The Promise must be simple, emphasized Dr Kunzru, and without any reservation and restriction due to political atmospheres prevailing in particular countries. Efforts must be made even from now, observed Dr Kunzru, to bring about a better world after the war is over, and the realisation of a common humanity by boys of the world through the scout movement would prove exceedingly helpful in achieving that end.

It was necessary said Dr. Kunzru, that there should be one really national Scout Association in the country, and that in order to bring it into existence the Hindustan Scout Association was prepared not only to offer all necessary co-operation but also to give up its own existence.

The Conference, which was attended by sixty-two representatives of the various Provincial Hindustan Scout Associations, arrived at decisions calculated to bring about greater efficiency in the movement and making the boys and girls connected with it patriotic and serviceable citizens of the Motherland.

CITY MARKETS

BOMBAY, Thursday.

SHARES: The share Bazar remained closed to-day and no business was done.

BULLION: Yesterday London Gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar Sterling Cross rate was 4.02-1/2 to 4.03-1/2 at London and 4.03 at New York London Spot and Forward Silver quotations were unchanged at 23-1/2d. and New York Spot. Silver was quoted at 44-3/4 cents. The local market was fairly steady with some demand for Silver. The market opinion is divided and at this level a section is inclined to accumulate stocks. Forward Silver opened at Rs. 122-8 and advanced to Rs. 123-4. Ready Silver was placed at Rs. 126-4. Gold Spot was quoted at Rs. 71 and forward business was also done at Rs. 71. The market was open for one hour only.

COTTON: The local Cotton market is officially closed to-day and on Friday, as a mark of respect to the memory of late Pujya Kasturba.

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton March contract is below New York March 284 cent points at Exchange rate 331.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Feb. 22.

March 20.80—05, May 20.38—04, July 19.86—04, October 19.37—04, December 19.19+02, January 19.12+04, March Highest 20.91+06 (10-22 a.m.), Lowest 20.80—05 (3 p.m.), Middling Spot 21.46—.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

March 20.92—08, May 20.53—06 July 20.04—04, October 19.39, December 1920—, January 19.10, Middling Spot 20.60—.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

This evening there will open the MERRIE TOWN FETE, credit for which will go to a whole host of workers, chief among whom is MRS. F. S. TALYARKHAN. The cause for which it has been put on is the Red Cross and from all accounts the show promises to be a success. Besides the usual entertainment provided at such functions there is to be a Donkey Race every day, complete with a tote. The Stewards of the Turf Club will not officiate!!—nor is Mr. Bolton canvassing proxies. Polish women have come forward to help Mrs. Talyarkhan and have a bar of their own with Free Frenchman GUETTA as the head Bartender. There are a number of other items. A progressive firm of publishers have taken a stall to exhibit their publications. The show is an individuals' effort—and has NOTHING to do with the Ladies' War Gifts Committee or any other official Committee, thank God. So come to the fair.

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From the new Readers' Digest, just to hand: Sam Goldwyn who was seeking a film story for Bob Hope, received a phone call from a Hollywood writer. "I have a wonderful comedy", the writer told him excitedly, "it is ideal for Hope."

"Fine, fine", Goldwyn said.

"Not only is it a great comedy," the writer went on, "but it also has a message."

"A message?" repeated Goldwyn. "Just write me a comedy. Messages are for Western Union."

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I have just received an invitation to the Art School's Exhibition of Indian Art and Crafts to be opened by "Sir John Colville, G.C.I.E., T.D." What does T.D. stand for? Would someone enlighten me?

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The Talk delivered by J.R.D. Tata at the Rotary Club on the 15 year plan has been published for private circulation. If you can get hold of a copy, read it. It is good reading.

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There is no truth in the rumour that a powerful syndicate consisting of Mr. J. R. D. Tata, Mr. A. D. Shroff and Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas will henceforth operate the Treble Pool with a view to find funds for the 15 Year Plan.

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Equally untrue is the rumour that the plan (or plot) was hatched under STALIN'S picture in the Remember Russia Cafe.

OUT TO-DAY
KARAKA'S
NEW NOVEL
WE NEVER DIE
7-14
THACKERS

Bombay Makes "Tagore Week" A Success

Packed houses in every show greeted the organisers of the Tagore Week, and judging by the huge and distinguished crowd one can say that Bombay has not failed to show warm sympathy for the noble cause for which the week is celebrated.

The special attraction is the "Visharjan" (Sacrifice), the immortal drama of the Poet which has won world recognition as one of the greatest pieces of literary masterpiece.

The noteworthy point is that the drama is being presented in Marathi for the first time and even Tagore's Songs have been specially transcribed for this purpose

To give an opportunity to those who had to go away disappointed at not being able to obtain tickets in the previous shows and to meet with a popular demand, the Tagore Society has been able to induce the Santiniketan artistes to extend their stay in Bombay for a day and have arranged to stage a special performance on Sunday at 6-30 p.m. The entire proceeds of this special performance will be handed over to Vishvabharati

Drastic Step Taken By Xavier's Has No Parallel In Bombay

(From Our Correspondent.)

The official figure supplied by the authorities of the St. Xavier's College, is 127 failures in the preliminary examinations, in a total of 600 students in the Science courses, comprising of the Inter. Sc., Jr. B. Sc., and the Sr. B. Sc.

In contrast to this, from inquiries from the heads of the other institutions, I get the following figures for the different colleges of Bombay.

Wilson College has not detained a single student in the B. Sc. classes, and, in the I. Sc. only three students have been detained. The Khalsa College which has provision for Science studies only till the I. Sc., has not detained a single student. The Ramnarain Ruia College did not hold the preliminary examinations at all, and the students, who were judged from the marks of an earlier examination, were all sent up. Incidentally, it throws light on how much importance some colleges attach to this examination.

As regards the Elphinstone College and the Royal Institute of Science, the results of the preliminaries are not yet announced, and if the practice of previous years are followed, there is no reason to suppose that the students will have anything to complain about.

It is surprising that the St. Xavier's alone should have been so drastic. It is learnt that they are very discriminating in the admission of students to their college, the Matriculation marks being considered before a student is admitted. When such scrupulous care is exercised in admitting students to the college, why should such a large number of students fail, showing sudden deterioration?

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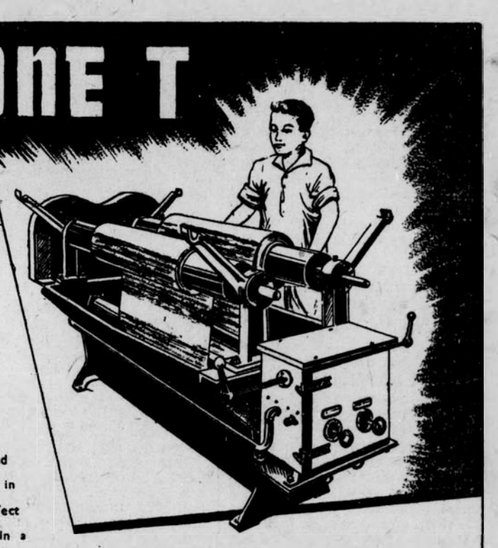

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NOTICE.

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The Share Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 10th March, 1944 to 24th March, 1944, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
AMERSEY DAMODER,
Agents.

Bombay, 24th February, 1944. (7923)

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Candidates must have had experience of the executive and administrative aspects of Maternity and Child Welfare. Preference will be given to candidates who have had experience in directing or conducting research, lecturing to students and with special qualifications in Pediatrics.

Full particulars regarding Conditions of Service and prescribed form of application are obtainable from the Secretary, Recruitment and Appointments Board, C|o The Public Health Commissioner with the Government of India, Imperial Secretariat, New Delhi.

The last date for the receipt of completed application forms is the 17th March, 1944. (7890)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

WANTED: TEMPORARY OVERSEERS, B.Es. (Civil) and D.C.Es.; Draftsmen; Assistant Draftsmen; Tracers; Clerks; Stenographers; and Typists; for the Post-War Reconstruction Project Circle of the Bombay Public Works Department. Applications stating age, educational qualifications, community, experience and the minimum salary expected, with COPIES of certificates, should be addressed to the undersigned to reach him by the 2nd March 1944. Candidates should be natives of the Bombay Province.

(Sd.) T. C. KANTAVALA,
Executive Engineer,
Project Division, Roads, North,
Post-War Reconstruction Schemes.

Public Works Department,
Secretariat, Fort,
Bombay.
23rd February, 1944. (7922)

THE PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK. LTD., LAHORE.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SAVINGS FUND DEPOSIT RULES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the General Public and the Depositors of the Bank that in place of existing rules No. 5, 20, 22, 37 and 40 of the Savings Fund Account, the following have been substituted:—

RULE NO. 5.

"The Smallest sum that can be accepted at the time of opening an account is Rs. 10|- and thereafter no deposit for less than Rs. 5|- will be accepted. An account the balance of which shall fall below Rs. 5| may be closed at the Bank's discretion. A depositor cannot deposit a larger sum than Rs 20,000|- in all."

RULE NO. 20

'A depositor may withdraw money from his account twice in a week into an aggregate amount of Rs. 500|-. A week counts from Monday to Saturday."

RULE NO. 22

"Where sums over Rs. 500|- are required to be withdrawn a notice of withdrawal will be necessary according to the following scale:—

(i) for amount exceeding Rs 500|- but not exceeding Rs. 2,000|- Two weeks.

(ii) for amounts exceeding Rs. 2,000|- but not exceeding Rs. 5,000|-.....One month.

(iii) for amounts exceeding Rs. 5,000|-.....Two months.

In all such cases where notice of withdrawal has been given the weekly withdrawals will not be permitted."

RULE NO. 37

"Where a depositor wants to transfer the amount standing in his Savings Fund Account to a Fixed Deposit Account, for a period of not less than six months, the notice required under Rule 22 is not necessary even though the amount to be thus transferred exceeds Rs. 500|-. Interest is duly allowed in such cases for the days the amount remains in the Savings Fund Account notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 40."

RULE NO. 40.

"The calculation will, however, be made for each calendar month on the lowest balance at credit of an account between the close of the 5th day and the end of the month and only on every complete sum of Rs. 5|- not exceeding Rs. 20,000|- in all. No interest is allowed when it comes to less than annas four at the time of calculation." The above rules come into effect from 1st of March 1944

GENERAL MANAGER. (7892)

PUBLIC NOTICES

ACWORTH LEPER HOME, MATUNGA.

SEALED TENDERS for the supply of (1) foodstuffs, (2) clothing and (3) miscellaneous stores to the Acworth Leper Home at Matunga during the year commencing from 1st April, 1944, will be received upto 1 P. M. (B.T.) on Friday the 3rd March 1944.

The tenders must be enclosed in a sealed cover superscribing description of the articles tendered for and should be addressed to the President and delivered at the office of the Honorary Treasurer of the Home at the Municipal Head Office, Fort, Bombay, with the required deposits.

Tender forms containing general directions to tenderers, specification, articles of agreement, etc. will be issued to the intending tenderers on payment of Rs. 5|- and the undersigned will on application, furnish any information that may be required.

The President of the Board reserves the right of accepting any tender wholly or splitting it up amongst two or more contractors and does not undertake to accept the lowest or any tender.

B. C. DAS GUPTA,
Honorary Secretary,
Acworth Leper Home.

Public Health Department,
Municipal Head Office, Fort,
Bombay, 23rd February, 1944. (7925)

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS stating terms for starting tea plantation upto a total limit of 150 acres within Cooch Behar State (Bengal) are invited by the Registrar, State Council, Cooch Behar, upto the 31st March, 1944. (7928)

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from British Subjects or subjects of Indian States for the post of Dockyard Personnel Officer H.M.I. Dockyard, Bombay. The post is tenable for the duration of the War and for such period thereafter as may be necessary. Probationary period 6 months. Pay will be fixed in the scale of Rs. 600-40-1,000 p.m. according to qualifications. The applicant must be of good social status and must possess previous experience in the administration, control, and supervision of labour in a large Industrial or Business concern. Government servants are also eligible. Applications stating age, present appointment, previous experience, salary now drawn, special qualifications (if any) should be addressed to the Director of Personnel Services, Naval Headquarters, New Delhi, so as to reach him not later than the 6th March, 1944. (7902)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HAJI EBRAHIM HAJI JAMAL, ALI MAHOMED HAJI JAMAL and HAJI SAKUR HAJI JAMAL have contracted to sell to our client the undermentioned properties. Any person making any claim against the said properties is requested to make the same known in writing to us at our Office at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed without reference to any such claim, and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES

FIRSTLY:—ALL that piece of leasehold land, admeasuring 1130.55 Square Yards or thereabouts, situate on St. Mary's Road, Mazagaon and being Plot A (1) of the Mazagaon Estate of the Corporation in the City and Island and Sub-Registration of Bombay, bounded on the North-East by St. Mary's Road, on the South-East by the land of the Corporation laid out as passage, on the South-West by the property of the Corporation and on the North-West by Plot No. A (2) of the said Estate leased to the vendor, which piece of land form portion of New Survey No. 3620 and bears Cadastral Survey No 870 of Mazagaon Division together with the building thereon and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "E" Ward Nos. 6111 (5) and 6111 (6) and formerly Street Nos. 11 B and 11 C and now Street Nos. 31 to 31 D and 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49 and 41.

SECONDLY:—ALL that piece of leasehold land admeasuring 1138 Square Yards or thereabouts, situate on St. Mary's Road, New Road, Mazagaon and being Plot No. A (2) of the Mazagaon Estate of the Corporation in the City and Island and Sub-Registration District of Bombay, bounded on the North-East by St. Mary's Road, on the South-East by Plot No. A (1) of the said Estate being the property firstly described, on the South-West by the property of the Corporation and on the North-West by the land of the Corporation laid out as a passage, which piece of land forms portion of New Survey No. 3620 and bears Cadastral Survey No. 871 of Mazagaon Division, together with the building thereon and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "E" Ward No. 6111 (7) and formerly Street No. 11 D and now Street Nos. 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, etc.

Dated this 24th day of February, 1944.

MATUBHAI JAMIETRAM
& MADAN.
Purchaser's Attorneys. 7927

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HAJI RAHIMTULLA SULEMAN MISTRY, HAJI HASHAM SULEMAN MISTRY and MISTRY JUSUB NOORMAHOMED PATEL, Executors and Trustees of the Will of Haji Ebrahim Jaffer Mistry have agreed to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the following documents and title deeds, relating to the said property viz.: (1) Indenture of Conveyance made on the 2nd day of December, 1881, between Nowroji Nassarwanji Wadia of the one part and Laxman Keroji Nawaste of the other part, (2) Deed of Trust made on 19th October, 1892, between Kazi Abdul Karim bin Kazi Noormahomed Porebundari of the one part and the said Kazi Abdul Karim bin Kazi Noormahomed Porebundari, Haji Usman Tarmahomed, Kazi Allymiya bin Kazi Abdul Latif Porebundari, Daudbhoy Mussabhoy and Kasam Mahomedbhoy of the other part, and (3) Deed of Revocation and Conveyance made on 19th November, 1895, between Kazi Abdul Karim bin Kazi Noormahomed Porebundari and others of the one part and Kazi Abdul Karim bin Kazi Noormahomed Porebundari and others of the other part, have been lost or were misplaced.

NOTICE IS ALSO FURTHER GIVEN that all persons having any claim against or to the said property or in respect of the said LOST OR MISLAID TITLE DEEDS by way of inheritance, gift, bequest, trust, charge, sale, residence, use, maintenance, possession, mortgage, EQUITABLE MORTGAGE, Lease, Lien, or otherwise, howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Alli Chambers, at the junction of Medows Street and Tamarind Lane, within the Fort of Bombay, within eight days from the date hereof at the expiration of which period the sale of the said property to our client will be completed without any reference to such claim or demand (if any) as may not have been received before the expiry of the above period and the same shall be considered and treated as waived or abandoned.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY:

ALL that piece or parcel of Foras Land or Ground with the messuage, tenement or dwelling-house standing thereon, situate, lying and being at DeLisle Road, in the Sub-Registration District of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay containing by admeasurement 2,590 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 243, 243 and 243, New No. B|13764, C|13764 and D|13764, Old Survey No. 386, New Survey No. 1A|3467, 1B|3467 and 2B|3467, Cadastral Survey No. 1945 of Byculla Division and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under E Ward Nos. 7219|20|21|22|23 and Street Nos. 602 a, 610 a, 606 a, 606 b and 606 c.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 1944.

DABHOLKER & JESHTARAM,
Attorneys for the Purchaser.

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HIGH COURT.
O. O. C. J.
Suit No. 1143 of 1932.

MEGHRAJ TULSIDAS ..... Plaintiff.
vs.
(1) SHIVLAL MOTILAL BHAM; (2) VITHALDAS MOTILAL, and (3) ISHWARLAL MOTILAL BHAM ..... Defendants.

To,
ISHWARLAL MOTILAL BHAM, the 3rd Defendant above-named in respect of Decree dated 15-11-1932.
and
VITHALDAS MOTILAL BHAM, the 2nd Defendant above-named in respect of Decree dated 19-7-1934.

TAKE NOTICE that you are hereby required under O.xxI r. 22 of the Code of Civil Procedure to appear in person or by Advocate (O.S.) or Attorney of this Court before the Sitting Judge in Chambers on the 3rd day of March, 1944 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause why the decrees pronounced against you on the 15th day of November, 1932 and 19th day of July, 1934, in the above suit should not be executed against you as aforesaid for the balance due thereunder.

Dated this 28th day of August, 1943.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

S. J. RAHIMTOOLA,
Prothonotary and Senior Master,
K. K. DASTUR,

The 30th day of August, 1943.
Messrs. MOHILE & PAREKH,
(7926) Attorneys for the Plaintiff.

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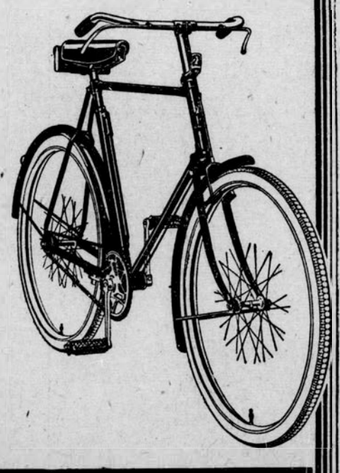

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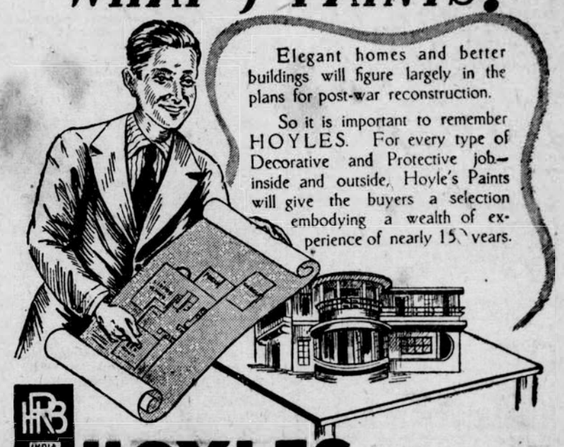

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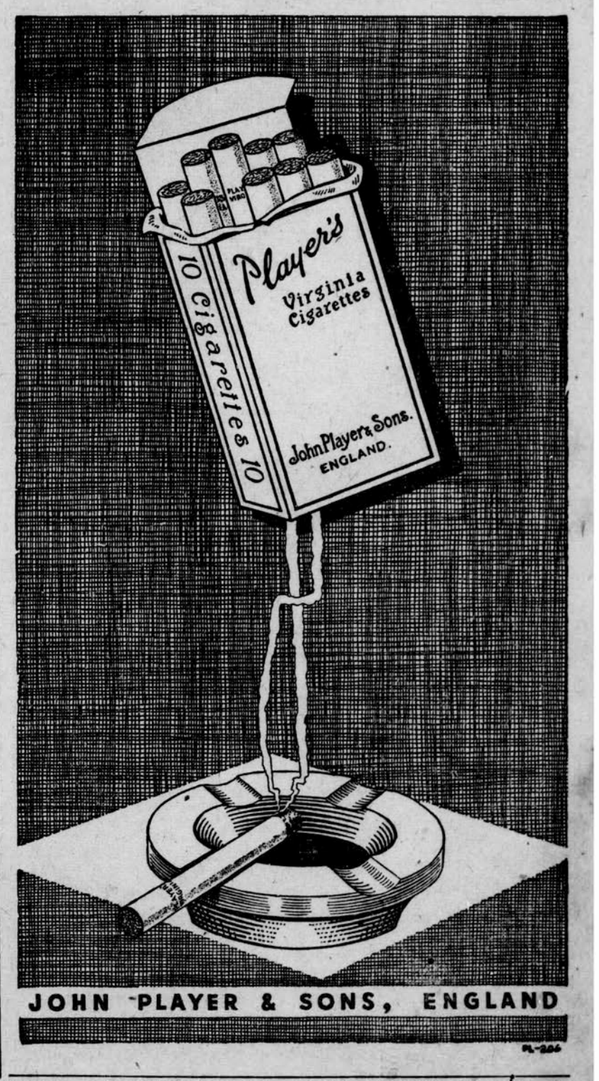

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